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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/11, 14, 20, 21/55 8/29, 30; 9/1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 15,	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN jbl
TITLE JUDITH COPLON, was			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

T-1 advised that subject returned to 185 Claremont Avenue on 9/12/55. T-1 stated that subject spent summer at Fire Island LI, NY and that subject intends to move in the near future. T-1 advised that MONTY SONTAG moved from subject's apartment shortly before her return. Information set forth concerning following close associates of subject who are neighbors: EDITH SIMMS, SOPHIE RIVERS, DEOLA ADLER, and MOLLY IRVING. AUSA GEORGE BAILEY advised subject is free on \$40,000 bail and travel is limited to EDNY and SDNY and to and from Washington, D.C., to handle legal proceedings.

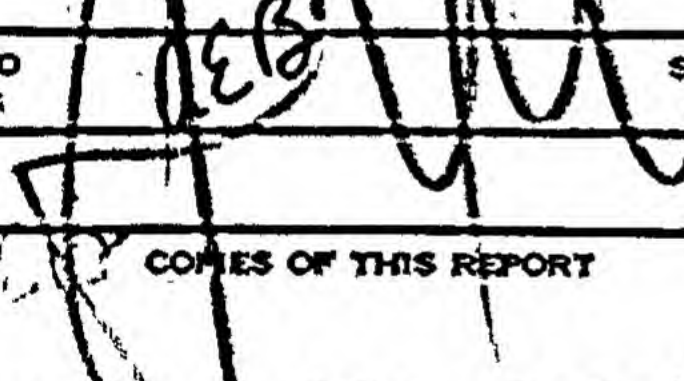
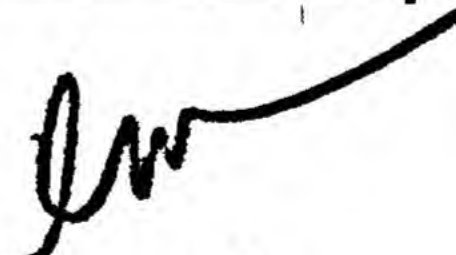
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DETAILS:

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on August 30, 1955, that subject has not yet returned to her apartment. [redacted] stated that she did not know where subject was spending the summer.

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T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the activities of subject at her residence but contact with whom has been insufficient to base a determination of reliability, advised on August 30, 1955, that subject is spending the summer on Fire Island, Long Island, New York.

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T-1 stated this information was obtained from either Mrs. SOPHIE RIVERS, Mrs. EDITH SIMMS, or Mrs. LEOLA ADLER. The informant stated that these women, who all live at 188 Claremont Avenue, are all close friends of the subject and informant is sure that they are aware of the subject's past. T-1 also stated that a Mrs. MOLLY IRVING, same address, is one of the subject's closest friends.

T-1 stated that subject appears to be a very nervous individual and on one occasion the informant recalls subject telling SOPHIE RIVERS that she was taking interpretive dancing lessons to help overcome her nervousness.

On September 12, 1955, T-1 reported that subject had returned on that date from her vacation. T-1 also learned from Mrs. SOPHIE RIVERS that subject intends to move in the near future. Mrs. RIVERS told T-1 that subject's mother will live with her when they move. T-1 stated that subject's mother visits her quite frequently, often staying over night, and helps subject take care of the two children, BENJAMIN and EMILY.

In connection with subject's moving, T-1 reported on September 7, 1955, that subject's husband told one of the tenants in the building that he was bringing his family home from their vacation soon and "they were going to move to the country as it is good for the kids."

Investigation at Fire Island, Long Island, New York

ROY PARDEE, Assessors Office, Islip, New York, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on September 2, 1955, that from his records there was no ownership records within the town limits for any individual named either COPLON or SOCOLOV.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM, Realtor, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on September 2, 1955, that he did not see subject nor had he seen anyone answering her description at Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York, during the summer.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 2, 1955, that he did not see subject nor had he seen anyone answering her description at Ocean Bay Park, Fire Island, New York.

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Information Regarding Associates of Subject

EDITH SIMMS

T-1 stated on September 21, 1955, that EDITH and HERMAN SIMMS have lived in Apartment 4H, 185 Claremont Avenue, for about five years. T-1 further stated that they have a boy about five years of age. T-1 stated that HERMAN SIMMS is a commercial artist and is apparently doing free-lance work as he uses his home for a studio.

Mrs. EDITH SIMMS, Apartment 4H, 185 Claremont Avenue, was interviewed by SA JACK L. STEMPLE on April 17, 1952, in connection with another matter. At that time Mrs. SIMMS volunteered the information that she, Mrs. SIMMS, is "definitely not anti-Soviet but in fact pro-Soviet Union."

SOPHIE RIVERS

T-1 advised that Mrs. SOPHIE RIVERS, her husband, CHARLES, and her two boys have resided in Apartment 5G, 185 Claremont Avenue, for about five years.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 30, 1955, that on June 29, 1955, SOPHIE MAY RIVERS, 185 Claremont Avenue, attended an open Communist Party (CP) meeting at 124 West 124th Street, New York, New York. The informant

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stated that those in attendance comprised the regional and sectional leadership of the Harlem Region CP.

On June 8, 1955, T-3 advised that SOPHIE MAY RIVERS was chairman of one of the groups of the Parent Teachers Association, Harlem Region CP.

T-3 further advised that SOPHIE MAY RIVERS attended meetings of the Harlem Region CP on December 8, 1954, January 12, 1955, and April 19, 1955.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

LEOLA ADLER

T-1 advised on September 21, 1955, that LEOLA and PAUL ADLER live in Apartment 10 at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. The informant stated they have resided there for approximately five years and have a boy about two years old. T-1 further stated that LEOLA ADLER is employed as a seamstress in the fur industry.

MOLLY IRVING

T-1 advised on September 21, 1955, that MOLLY IRVING is one of the subject's closest friends. T-1 stated that MOLLY IRVING is a housewife and has two children about the same age as subject's children. T-1 added that subject and MOLLY IRVING are often seen together about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue. The informant further stated that she believed MOLLY IRVING's husband is employed in some capacity in the entertainment end of the television industry.

Information Regarding Contacts of the Subject and Husband

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 26, 1955, that toll calls were made on July 27, 1954, to New Paltz, New York, 8369 and on March 12, 1955, to Woodridge, New York 19J1, from subject's residence.

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DAVID JAFFE

The 1954-1955 telephone directory for Woodridge, New York, reflects that telephone number 19J-1 is listed to DAVID JAFFE, Glen Wild, New York.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 16, 1953, that DAVID JAFFE was section organizer of the CP in the Woodridge, New York, area.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 14, 1953, that DAVID JAFFE was born on October 4, 1911, at Glen Wild, New York. He is married to ANN SHULMAN JAFFE and is a poultry farmer, having a farm at Glen Wild, New York. Informant further stated that JAFFE served in the United States Army from March, 1942, to October, 1945.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 22, 1954, that DAVID JAFFE attended the CP Farm Commission meeting at Newburgh, New York, on July 13, 1954.

CHARLES J. BAKER

The 1954-1955 telephone directory for the town of New Paltz, New York, reflects that telephone number New Paltz, New York, 8369 is listed to one CHARLES J. BAKER, 44 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz.

On July 11, 1955, Mrs. VIRGINIA ELLIS, Manager of the Ulster County Credit Service, Kingston, New York, advised SA HAROLD V. CATES that she could locate no record of CHARLES J. BAKER from the files of her office.

On July 11, 1955, ARTHUR BROWN, Deputy Sheriff, Ulster County, New York, advised SA HAROLD V. CATES that he could locate no record of CHARLES J. BAKER in the files of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office.

T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on July 14, 1955, that CHARLES J. BAKER, 44

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Plattekill Avenue, is a retired individual who has resided in New Paltz, New York, for the past several years. He is the father of CHARLES E. BAKER, a professor at New Paltz State Teachers College.

Mrs. VIRGINIA ELLIS subsequently advised SA HAROLD V. CATES on July 14, 1955, that CHARLES E. BAKER is listed in a 1951 credit report as a professor at New Paltz State Teachers College. He was reportedly in his 40's, and married to one BARBARA BURGER, who was in her 20's.

On July 20, 1955, Mr. WILLIAM J. HAGGERTY, President of the New Paltz State Teachers College, advised SA HAROLD V. CATES that CHARLES J. BAKER is the father of one of his professors, CHARLES E. BAKER. He said that the elder BAKER is retired and is in his late 70's and has been in the New Paltz area since 1950. Prior to that he resided in the Bronx, New York. He stated that BAKER lived in Upstate New York prior to residing in the Bronx and he thought he possibly lived in Glen Falls, New York, but he was not certain of this.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that subject's husband received the following correspondence on the dates indicated:

July 8, 1955 - S. M. Coplon and Son
200 Fifth Avenue
New York City

August 3, 1955 - Kingsview Homes, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York City

August 4, 1955 - American Labor Party
320 West 80th Street
New York City

September 6, 1955 - Kingsview Homes, Inc.
345 East 46th Street
New York City

September 7, 1955 - National Lawyers Guild
40 Exchange Place
New York City.

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S. M. COPLON and SON

T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 29, 1955, that they have a report on S. M. COPLON and SON dated June 16, 1954. This report indicates that BERTRAM COPLON is in his late 30's. He is the son of the late SAMUEL COPLON and associated with his father in this business for over ten years prior to the latter's death in 1949.

Mrs. REBECCA COPLON is the widow of SAMUEL COPLON and is a partner along with her son but takes no active part in the management. T-10 stated that S. M. COPLON and Son is a manufacturers representative in the toy, game, and children's book line. They represent over eleven accounts throughout the United States with all income derived from commission on sales.

BERTRAM COPLON was interviewed on June 15, 1954, by T-10 and he declined a financial statement. He indicated a satisfactory financial condition is maintained with liabilities confined to normal operating expenses which are adequately covered by cash resources.

It is noted that the firm S. M. COPLON and SON was founded by subject's father and is presently managed by her brother, BERTRAM, who is a partner along with her mother, REBECCA COPLON.

American Labor Party

T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-11 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

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T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

National Lawyers Guild

Concerning the National Lawyers Guild, the following appears in the booklet "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on May 14, 1951:

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)"

Miscellaneous

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 29, 1955, that the full name of the individual who was sharing subject's apartment with her husband during the summer was MONTY LOWELL SONTAG.

T-1 advised on September 12, 1955, that MONTY SONTAG was no longer staying in subject's apartment. T-1 stated that SONTAG's name had been removed from the mailbox and the informant no longer saw him about the premises. T-1 stated that about a week before subject came home from her vacation, the informant observed subject's husband and SONTAG put a few personal effects into ALBERT SOCOLOV's car. Informant assumed SONTAG was being moved and has not seen him since that time.

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On September 1, 1955, Assistant United States Attorney GEORGE BAILEY, Southern District of New York, advised that the subject is presently free on \$40,000.00 bail and that travel is limited to the Eastern District of New York and the Southern District of New York. However, she is allowed to travel to and from Washington, D.C., and to stay there to take care of legal proceedings.

ENCLOSURE: TO DENVER

One (1) copy of the report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, dated August 17, 1955, at New York.

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T-1 [redacted]	Info re subject's vacation	8/30/55	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant Report
[redacted] (Upon request)	Info re subject's husband	9/7/55	"	"
	Info re subject's plans to move	9/12/55	"	"
	Info re SONTAG, EDITH SIMMS	9/21/55	"	"
T-2 JAMES FLYNN, Postmaster, Ocean Bay Park, Fire Island, LI, NY	Negative	9/2/55	DANIEL F. O'CONNOR	"
T-3 [redacted]	Info re SOPHIE RIVERS	9/29/55	SA EDWIN H. EILERS, JACK D. WOOD	100-95140-40
	"	6/8/55	ROBERT E. RITZER	100-95140-38
	"	4/19/55	"	"
	"	1/12/55	"	"
	"	12/8/54	"	"
	"	6/30/55	"	"

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T-4 EDWARD BRAUNE, Agent, Legal Dept., NY Telephone Co., 140 West St., NYC	Toll calls from subject's residence	4/26/55	SE THOMAS J. MC GUIRE	65-14932- 1166
T-5 [redacted]	Info re DAVID JAFFE	3/16/53	SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN	[redacted]
T-6 GLENN YOUNG, Veterans Counsellor, VA, Monticello, NY	"	5/14/53	WILLIAM F. NORTON	100-110788- 25
T-7 [redacted]	Info re DAVID JAFFE	7/22/54	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON BRYAN GENNETT	100- 80634
T-8 JOY ZIMMERMAN, Postmaster, New Paltz, NY	Info re CHARLES J. BAKER	7/14/55	HAROLD V. CATES	Instant Report
T-9 Mail cover on subject's residence, 185 Claremont Avenue	Correspondents of subject's husband	as indicated in details	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	"

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T-10 [redacted]	Info re S.M.COPLON & SON	8/29/55	SE THOMAS J.MC GUIRE	Instant Report
T-11 [redacted] (by request)	Documentation of ALP			
T-12 [redacted]	Documentation of ALP			
T-13 MATTHEW HOEY, Postal Carrier, Manhattanville P.O., 309 West 125th St.	Info re Monty SONTAG	8/29/55	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant Report

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The indices of the NYO contain no references to LEOLA ADLER or MOLLY IRVING.

EDITH SIMMS was interviewed on 4/17/52 in connection with an investigation conducted by the Bureau in case captioned "DOLORES DOVE, nee De Castro, aka - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America," NY file 123-9188.

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DENVER

At Denver, Colorado

Will further identify MONTY LOWELL SONTAG, 1375 Birch Street, Denver, who shared subject's apartment with her husband during her absence this summer. In this connection, a copy of the report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, dated 8/17/55, NY, is being furnished to the Denver Office as an aid in their investigation.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will identify Kingsview Homes, Inc., 345 East 46th Street, New York City.
2. Will maintain contact with T-1 for information concerning the subject's activities.
3. Will continue to report results of mail cover.
4. Will conduct election and credit checks on following associates of subject: EDITH SIMMS, MOLLY IRVING, and LEOLA ADLER.

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 8/17/55, NY.

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ReBulet 10/5/55.

DOROTHY STEPHENSON, Clerk, U.S. P.O., Yucca Valley, Calif., advised SA IRVIN C. SHEPPERD 10/13/55 that ARVID JOHNSON gave as his forwarding address on 6/12/55 Sedalia, Colorado. JOHNSON has not appeared at Post Office since that date.

Mr. J. H. ASHBURN, Star Route, Yucca Mesa Road, Yucca Valley, who is nearest neighbor of ARVID JOHNSON, who lives in a sparsely settled desert area, advised ARVID JOHNSON has not been at his home since June, 1955, and that he does not know when he will return. ASHBURN will give Mrs. ARVID JOHNSON, nee CALNAN, message to call LA Office upon her arrival.

Note left in door of ARVID JOHNSON home reflects that it had been there since 9/20/55.

Mrs. ARVID JOHNSON will be interviewed as soon as she arrives LA Division.

SA DALE NORMAN advises that CALNAN positively did not furnish him any information concerning JUDITH COPLON during her interview on 7/30/48 or at any other time.

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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 10/13/55.

An attempt to contact IRENE STEFFANY CALNAN, aka Irene Steffany Johnson, at the residence of ARVID JOHNSON, Yucca Mesa Road, Yucca Valley, California, was made on 10/26/55. No one was at the residence, nor was there any specific indication that IRENE and ARVID JOHNSON had returned. Mr. J. H. ASHBURN, Star Route, Yucca Mesa Road, Yucca Valley, was recontacted 10/26/55 and advised that the JOHNSONS had not returned.

Continuing efforts will be made to locate IRENE JOHNSON for interview as per Bureau instructions.

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Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Ave., NYC. Subject advised neighbor that she spent summer vacation at Shelter Island, Long Island, NY. Information set forth concerning LEOLA ADLER, EDITH SIMMS and MOLLIE IRVING, associates and neighbors of subject.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on November 2, 1955, that the subject continues to reside in Apartment 4D at this address with her husband and their two children. [redacted] stated that the subject's duties as a housewife appear to occupy her full time.

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T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the activities of the subject but contact with whom has been insufficient to base a determination of reliability, advised on November 2, 1955,

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that since she returned from her vacation the subject does not appear to associate with the other tenants as much as she formerly did. The informant explained that prior to going away the subject was a constant companion of Mrs. MOLLIE IRVING and to a lesser extent also associated with Mrs. EDITH SIMMS and Mrs. LEO LA ADLER. However, since her return she is rarely seen in the company of these women and the few times the informant has observed her about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue, the subject was alone with her two children.

The informant had no additional information to offer concerning the subject's plans to move. The informant further stated that Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4B, 185 Claremont Avenue, had advised that the subject told Mrs. ROBERTSON she had spent her vacation at Shelter Island, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4B, 185 Claremont Avenue, advised on November 7, 1955, that she had a casual conversation with the subject shortly after her return from vacation. Mrs. ROBERTSON stated that they discussed how hot it had been in the city during the summer and the subject remarked that she had spent her vacation at Shelter Island, Long Island, New York, and had a wonderful time. Mrs. ROBERTSON stated the subject did not elaborate on the matter so she did not pursue it any further.

INFORMATION REGARDING ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT

MOLLIE IRVING

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA FRANCIS J. VOGT on October 28, 1955, reflect that in 1954 BEN and MOLLIE IRVING, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, registered as supporters of the American Labor Party. There was no registration record for 1953 or 1952.

Upon registering in 1954, MOLLIE IRVING indicated she was 35 years of age, married, born in the United States, a resident of the state for 35 years and a resident of the election district for three years.

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Upon registering in 1954, BEN IRVING indicated he was 36 years of age, married, born in the United States, a resident of the state for 36 years and a resident of the election district for three years.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY on October 18, 1955, contained no information on MOLLIE IRVING, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City.

LEOLA ADLER

Also known as LEONI ADLER, LEONA ADLER

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA FRANCIS J. VOGT on October 28, 1955, reflect that in 1952 and 1953 LEONI ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, failed to list any party affiliation. In 1954, LEONI ADLER registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties. In 1952, 1953 and 1954, PAUL ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties.

Upon registering in 1954, LEONI ADLER indicated she was 32, married, born in Germany, naturalized in February, 1946 at Poughkeepsie, New York, and had resided 14 years in the state and three and one-half years in the election district. In 1954, PAUL ADLER indicated he was 38 years of age, married, born in Germany, naturalized in December, 1952 in the Southern District of New York and had resided seven years in the state and three and one-half years in the election district.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY on October 18, 1955, reflect a credit report, dated May 24, 1955, which indicated PAUL ADLER (wife LEONA), 185 Claremont Avenue, is 40 years of age. He is a purchasing agent with the Israel Corporation of America, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, and has been so engaged for four years. They are exporters of general merchandise. ADLER's income was reported as being \$5,000 yearly.

EDITH SIMMS

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA FRANCIS J. VOGT on October 28, 1955, failed

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to reflect any registration record for EDITH SIMMS, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, for 1952, 1953 or 1954. The records reflect that in 1952 HERMAN SIMMS, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties. In 1953, he registered as a supporter of the Liberal Party and in 1954 there was no registration record for HERMAN SIMMS.

Upon registering in 1953, HERMAN SIMMS indicated he was 43 years of age, married, born in the United States, a resident of the state for 20 years and a resident of the election district for four years.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as checked by SE DONALD C. STRELETZKY on October 18, 1955, reflects a credit report, dated January 9, 1951, which indicates HERMAN SIMMS (wife EDITH), 185 Claremont Avenue, was about 35 years of age. He had lived at his present address for one year and formerly resided at 306 East 82nd Street, New York City. Mr. SIMMS had been an advertising artist for Roaman's Department Store, 20 West 39th Street, New York City, for two years with a reported income of \$5,000 yearly. He formerly was reported to have operated as a free-lance fashion illustrator from his residence.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject's husband received the following correspondence on the dates indicated:

September 24, 1955	National Lawyers Guild
September 29, 1955	40 Exchange Place, New York City
September 30, 1955	Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
	421 7th Avenue, New York City
	Kings View Homes, Inc.
	345 E. 46th Street, New York City
	American Labor Party
	220 West 80th Street, New York City

National Lawyers Guild

Concerning the National Lawyers Guild, the following appears in the booklet "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., on May 14, 1951:

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"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers Guild, House Report No. 3123, September 21, 1950 (originally released September 17, 1950).)"

Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of October 8, 1951, page 1, columns 4 and 5, in an article entitled "150 Notables Form Emergency Civil Rights Committee", reflected that the formation of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee had been announced on October 7, 1951. It was shown that the purpose of the organization would be to help mobilize public opinion in support of the traditional American Constitutional guarantees of civil liberties and to render aid to victims of abridgement of these liberties in politics, education and the professions. Founders, according to the article, included more than 50 members of the clergy and many educators and professionals.

Writing in "Political Affairs" issue of August, 1954, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Communist Party functionary, referred to the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as one of the "forces carrying on the defense of the Bill of Rights today".

Concerning "Political Affairs", FLYNN, testifying in the case "US vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, ET AL", on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publication's beginning in 1945.

The "New York Times", a daily newspaper, issue of April 12, 1955, page 25, columns 1 and 2, contained an advertisement of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee reflecting the address of the committee as 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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American Labor Party

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally, these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn.

T-3 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

Kings View Homes

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on October 19, 1955, advised that an incorporation card on Kings View Homes was filed on February 5, 1953, by Attorney MAXWELL H. TRETTER, 122 East 42nd Street, New York City.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in December, 1949, advised that MAXWELL TRETTER, 122 East 42nd Street, New York City, was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

The records of the New York County Clerk's office reflected on November 9, 1955, that a Certificate of Incorporation was granted to Kings View Homes, Inc., on February 5, 1953, pursuant to Section 4 of the Redevelopment Companies law. The purpose of said corporation is to acquire land in New York

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State and to construct and sell projects, including retail stores, shops, offices, etcetera, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Redevelopment Companies law.

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m-1 [Redacted] (Upon request)	Info re subject	11/2/55	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant file
T-2 Mail cover at subject's residence, 185 Claremont Ave.	Correspondents of subject's husband	As indicated in details	ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Instant file
T-3 [Redacted] (By request)	Used to document ALP			
T-4 [Redacted]	Used to document ALP			
T-5 [Redacted]	Info re Kings View Homes, Inc.	10/19/55	SE LEROY C. DAVIS	Instant file
T-6 Anonymous source, as set forth in report of SA JOHN J. WALSH, dated 7/19/50, at Washington, D.C., in case captioned "NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, IS-C." This source is designated in the report of SA WALSH as T-2 and can be found in NY file 100-10769-281, page 125.				

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADSNEW YORKAt Shelter Island, Long Island, New York

Will contact established sources in an effort to determine where subject spent her vacation.

At New York, New York

Will recontact T-1 for information concerning subject's activities.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, New York, 10/4/55.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932) (6)

DATE:

11/28/55

FROM : SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Re memo of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated 9/29/55.

On 11/21/55 the following investigation was conducted by the writer at Shelter Island, N.Y. in an effort to determine if subject was a summer resident at Shelter Island for summer of 1955:

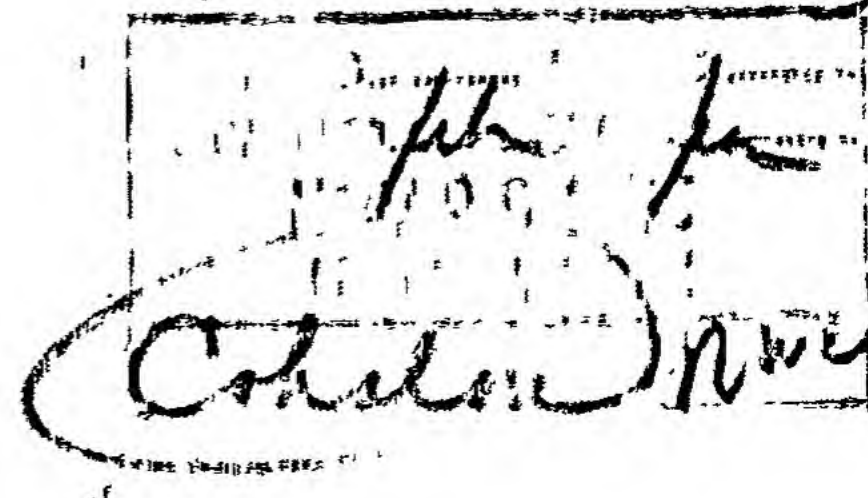
Mrs. MELBA SHERMAN, Clerk, U.S. Post Office, Shelter Island Center, N.Y. advised that she has a definite recollection of mail received at her post office during the summer of 1955 which was addressed to (fnu) SOCOLOV. It is her recollection that mail to this individual was placed in the mail for Shorewood Farms and ~~xxxx~~ and this particular mail was picked up by the Hollands (LEONARD HOLLAND). This recollection was not certain however. Mrs. SHERMAN viewed photographs of the subject without recognizing same as a person she had seen. She pointed out that she could not recall the addressee of mail to SOCOLOV ever picking up the mail in person. (This was done by a person, possibly HOLLAND, who is known to informant as a resident at Shorewood Farms.

Mr. WILL WILCOX, Office manager of the Shelter Island Light & Power Co., viewed the photographs of the subject without effecting an identification. He also checked his records and these records were negative as to subject's name as a user of power and light.

Mrs. KATHERINE D. WILCOX, Librarian, Shelter Island Public Library advised that no person by last name of subject borrowed books from the library during the summer of 1955.

JOHN PICCOZZI, owner of Island Food Market, Shelter Island advised that he did not recognize the subject as a customer of his - by name or photo - during the summer season of 1955. It is pointed out that many of the residents at Shorewood Farms patronize the market of this source.

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Mrs. MAE PICCOZZI, Winthrop Road, and Mrs. DOROTHY KAHLE, Hager Road, Shelter Island, reliable and well-informed sources on Shelter Island advised that they did not recognize the photos of the subject as any person who lived on Shelter Island during the summer of 1955.

It should be noted that Shorewood Farms is a secluded development on Shelter Island which is for the most part populated with known Communists and Communist sympathizers as summer residents. Many of these houses are owned by individuals and other houses are leased from JOHN and JEAN GARR. The latter lessees names would not appear on any public records such as lighting Co. records. Extensive investigation re Shorewood Farms has been conducted under the caption of JOHN H. GARR; JEAN GARR (105-6225). Residents of this Farm for the summers of 1953 and 1954 have been identified and reported in this file. A perusal of this file may disclose the name of a known associate of the subject, with whom she may have resided for the summer of 1955.

Additional sources at Shelter Island were not available for interview and these interviews will be conducted unless advised to the contrary by NYO.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-4863)

JUDITH COPLON
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ReBulet 10/5/55 which reflected that Mrs. IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN departed from Denver 9/20/55 to be married to one ARVID JOHNSON, and subsequent to their honeymoon she could be reached in care of ARVID JOHNSON, Yucca Valley, California, by the middle of October, 1955. Re Los Angeles airtel 10/31/55.

SA IRVIN C. SHEPPERD contacted DOROTHY STEVENSON, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Yucca Valley, on 11/21/55, and she advised that all mail for ARVID JOHNSON was still being forwarded to Sedalia, Colorado.

Mrs. VESTA LAFFERTY, Yucca Mesa Road, Yucca Valley, advised SA SHEPPERD that ARVID JOHNSON has not returned to Yucca Valley, and she has not heard from him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. SANDELL, Mt. View Circle, Joshua Tree, California, advised SA SHEPPERD that they do not know the current location of ARVID JOHNSON or of IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN.

A copy of reBulet of 10/5/55 is attached hereto for Denver. Denver is requested to attempt to locate IRMA STEFFANY CALNAN and conduct the requested Bureau interview. The Los Angeles Division will periodically check at Yucca Valley, California to determine if CALNAN appears there.

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REPORT MADE AT DENVER	DATE WHEN MADE 12/5/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/13, 14; 11/29/55	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM J. PEYTON rl
TITLE JUDITH GORLON, wa.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Investigation at Denver, Colorado, reflects MONTY LOWELL SONTAG is presently attending Columbia University, New York City, where he is working towards his Doctor's degree and that he is presently residing at Central Avenue and Old Myack Turnpike, Spring Valley, New York. Denver investigation reflects MONTY SONTAG formerly attended the University of Denver, served three years in the U. S. Army in World War II, and as of 1952, was manager of a Denver Collection Agency. His father, SAMUEL H. SONTAG, is a resident of Denver since 1923 and self-employed in textile business in operation of General Factors Company, Denver. Investigation at Denver does not reflect that MONTY L. SONTAG involved in Communist activities in Denver Metropolitan area in recent years.

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Details:

On November 29, 1955, the reporting agent, under appropriate pretext, interviewed Mrs. ROSA H. SONTAG,

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1375 Birch Street, Denver, Colorado, the mother of MONTY LOWELL SONTAG, at which time the following information was ascertained concerning MONTY SONTAG. Mrs. SONTAG advised her son, MONTY, is presently attending Columbia University in New York City where he is working towards the Doctor of Philosophy degree. She advised that MONTY L. SONTAG is also teaching school on a part time basis but was unable to furnish pertinent information concerning the school system in which SONTAG was teaching; however, she did mention that she believed his teaching activities were in connection with his course at Columbia University. Mrs. SONTAG advised MONTY SONTAG is presently residing at Central Avenue and Old Nyack (possibly Nyack) Turnpike, Spring Valley, New York.

The Denver City Directory for the year 1954 reflects MONTY LOWELL SONTAG, a student residing at 1375 Birch Street, Denver, Colorado, at which address it was noted the directory listed SAMUEL H. and ROSA M. SONTAG also residing. SAMUEL SONTAG's employment was noted in the directory as "General Factors Company."

Records of the Retail Credit Men's Association, 1445 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado, as checked November 29, 1955, reflect that MONTY LOWELL SONTAG was born in Denver, served in the U. S. Army three years during World War II, was attending the University of Denver as of 1950 and was still recorded as a University of Denver student as of March, 1954. His credit record disclosed that he was employed at Colorado General Hospital as of September, 1953, and that during 1952 he was manager of the General Collection Agency, Denver. Records of this credit agency reflected that MONTY SONTAG's father, SAMUEL H. SONTAG, has resided in Denver since 1923, having arrived in Denver at that time from his previous residence at Allentown, Pennsylvania. The record reflected SAMUEL SONTAG was born in Germany, came to the United States as a child and was raised in Paterson, New Jersey. SAMUEL H. SONTAG was recorded as being self-employed in the Textile Business in operation of the General Factors Company, Denver, and that as of August, 1953, SAMUEL SONTAG was the sole owner of this company. His credit record reflected that SAMUEL SONTAG, as of 1953, received an annual income from the General Factors Company of approximately \$20,000 a year and that his business was valued at \$150,000 to \$200,000. SAMUEL SONTAG's residence at 1375 Birch Street, Denver, was valued at \$22,000 as of August, 1953, according to his credit record.

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On November 29, 1955, BELLARMINO and EILEEN DURAN, both of 1265 West 10th Avenue, Denver, Colorado, advised they had never been acquainted with MONTY LOWELL SONTAG and possessed no information indicating that MONTY SONTAG has ever been involved in the activities of the Communist Party or related organizations in the Denver Metropolitan area. It is noted that on April 27, 1955, BELLARMINO DURAN testified in United States District Court, Denver, Colorado, that he was a member of the Communist Party on behalf of the United States Government from the Fall of 1948 until April 3, 1955. During this period of time, BELLARMINO DURAN furnished information of a security nature to the FBI. EILEEN DURAN was a member of the Communist Party at Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the U. S. Government from 1949 until April 3, 1955, and during this period of time she furnished information of a security nature to the FBI.

The Communist Party has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

It should be noted that indices of the Denver Office are negative with respect to MONTY LOWELL SONTAG as well as negative with respect to his parents, SAMUEL H. and ROSA H. SONTAG, both of 1375 Birch Street, Denver, Colorado.

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Report of SA ROBERT W. GOGOLAN dated 10/4/55 at New York.

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Re Los Angeles letter to Bureau, November 30, 1955.

Mrs. IRMA STEPHAN CALNAN, now residing at 2445 West 39th Avenue, Denver, Colorado, interviewed January 10, 1956 at Denver, advised she was not interviewed concerning COPLON prior to CALNAN'S employment by P.H.I. as translator; however, Mrs. CALNAN now recalls she was interviewed regarding COPLON soon after COPLON'S arrest, possibly in March or April, 1949, not later than July 1, 1949, when CALNAN resigned from Bureau employment. Mrs. CALNAN recalled that while she was still employed as translator at the Bureau, under supervision of a Mr. DOWNING (PHU), whom she described as a "red headed individual," Mrs. CALNAN was requested by Mr. DOWNING sometime during spring of 1949 to go to Department of Justice Building, where an official handling the COPLON case desired to interview CALNAN regarding her knowledge of COPLON. Mrs. COPLON stated she thereupon proceeded by Department of Justice or possibly Bureau bus to Department of Justice Building, where she was interviewed regarding COPLON and furnished information substantially the same as that furnished Bureau Agent at Denver on September 20, 1955.

Mrs. CALNAN unable to recall whether she was interviewed by a Bureau official or by an official of the

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Department, and was unable to recall room number or even the floor number in Justice Department Building, where she was interviewed. She stated this was only occasion other than September 20, 1955, when she was interviewed regarding COPLON and recalled only that the official who interviewed her in Department of Justice Building was a man about 40 to 45 years of age, name and further description unknown.

Mrs. CALMAN has not yet married ARVID JOHNSON, who is having difficulty in obtaining divorce from his first wife, but CALMAN plans to marry JOHNSON as soon as he obtains the divorce. Mrs. CALMAN, who received her mail at Post Office Box 112 Highland Station, Denver, advised she plans residing in Denver indefinitely and will notify Denver F.B.I. Office in event she moved as well as leaving the forwarding address with Postal authorities so that she will be available in event needed at any future date.

Mrs. CALMAN commented that one EDMUND LORENZ, Polish and Russian translator at the Bureau, also may be able to shed light upon identity of the official who interviewed her regarding subject COPLON, as Mrs. CALMAN feels she may have remarked to LORENZ subsequent to the interview in 1949 that she had been interviewed regarding COPLON by a Department or Bureau official.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/19/56	Investigative Period 11/21;12/16, 22/55;1/5,6/56
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Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Ave., NYC. T-1 advised subject is expecting birth of her third child in late Spring. T-1 also advised that MOLLIE IRVING, subject's close friend, died about the end of November, 1955. Information set forth re investigation conducted at Shelter Island, Long Island, NY, to determine whether subject spent her summer vacation there.

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DETAILS:

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185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on January 5, 1956, that the subject, as Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, continues to reside in Apartment 4-D at this address with her husband and their two children.

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T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the

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activities of the subject, but contact with whom has been insufficient to form a basis of reliability, advised on January 6, 1956, that the subject still resides at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. T-1 stated that the subject is pregnant and is expecting the birth of her third child sometime in the late spring. T-1 stated that she has ^{heard} nothing further concerning the subject's plans to move, although the informant felt that the SOCOLOVS would be forced to leave their one-bedroom apartment as it would be inadequate for five persons.

T-1 further stated the subject's close friend, MOLLIE IRVING, passed away suddenly about the end of November, 1955. The informant stated that Mrs. IRVING died of leukemia after a very short illness, and her sudden death shocked the tenants at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. T-1 stated that prior to her death MOLLIE IRVING and the subject were very close friends and were usually observed together by the informant and spent considerable time in each other's company. T-1 further stated that BEN IRVING, MOLLIE'S husband, continues to keep his apartment and the subject occasionally takes care of DEBRA IRVING, his small daughter.

Investigation at Shelter Island, Long Island,
New York

Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4-B, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on November 7, 1955, that she had a casual conversation with the subject after her return from her summer vacation. At that time, the subject told Mrs. ROBERTSON that she had spent the summer at Shelter Island, Long Island, New York.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 21, 1955, that she has a recollection that mail addressed to SOCOLOV (first name unknown) was received at Shelter Island in the summer of 1955. T-2 advised that the mail was placed in the mail for Shorewood Farms and was picked up by LEONARD HOLLAND, a summer resident at Shorewood Farms. However, the informant advised that this recollection was uncertain.

T-2 viewed photographs of the subject without recognizing same as an individual informant had seen.

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Mr. WILL WILCOX, Office Manager of the Shelter Island Light and Power Company, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on November 21, 1955, that his records were negative as to the subject's name as a user of power and light on Shelter Island.

Mrs. KATHERINE D. WILCOX, Librarian, Shelter Island Public Library, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on November 21, 1955, that no person by the name of SOCOLOV or COPLON borrowed books from the library during the summer of 1955.

JOHN PICCOZZI, owner of the Island Food Market, Shelter Island, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on November 21, 1955, that he did not recognize photographs of the subject as a customer of his during the summer season of 1955.

It is noted that many residents at Shorewood Farms patronize Mr. PICCOZZI's food market.

Mrs. MAE PICCOZZI, Winthrop Road, Shelter Island, and Mrs. DOROTHY KAHLE, Hager Road, Shelter Island, who are familiar with some of the summer residents at Shelter Island, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR on November 21, 1955, that they did not recognize photographs of the subject as any person who lived on Shelter Island during the summer of 1955.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 21, 1954, that the Hampton Bays "clique" of the Communist Party (CP) had a fund-raising party at the residence of JUDY and LEE COOPER. The informant stated that a number of the tenants at Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, attended this affair. According to the informant, another affair of a similar nature was to be held over Labor Day weekend by the Shorewood Farms crowd.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mrs. JOHN H. GARR, 73-12 35th Avenue, Jackson Heights, Queens, New York, was interviewed by SAS THOMAS

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J. DOWLING and JAMES P. MARTIN on May 12, 1955. Mrs. GARR stated that she and her husband purchased the Artemus Ward Estate on Shelter Island, Long Island, New York, in 1947, and it is now called Shorewood Farms. It is operated by Shorewood Farms, Incorporated, as a summer resort, in which corporation both Mrs. GARR and her husband are principals.

Concerning the tenants of Shorewood Farms, she advised that they became tenants either as a result of advertisements placed in metropolitan newspapers or as a result of knowing other individuals who resided at Shorewood Farms. She advised that a large number of the original tenants at Shorewood Farms, including some of the present tenants, became so as a result of the efforts of BERNARD FREEMAN, one of her original tenants, to whom she paid ten per cent in commission for obtaining new tenants.

She also advised that a number of tenants at Shorewood Farms became so as a result of being recommended by PETER GUEST and his wife.

Mrs. GARR stated she is not and has never been a member of the CP or any of its affiliates. She stated that she felt that she could make the same statement for her husband who was ill and not available for interview. She further stated she abhors Communism and all that it stands for.

At that time, Mrs. GARR furnished a list of names of individuals who would be tenants at Shorewood Farms during the summer season of 1955. It is noted that no individual with the surname of SOCOLOV or COPLON was on the list. It is also noted that Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD HOLLAND were listed as guests at Shorewood Farms for the summer season of 1955, and they had been recommended by PETER GUEST.

Because of the limited identifying information concerning the tenants of Shorewood Farms mentioned above, it is not known whether the following information is identical with those individuals.

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1954, that BERNARD FREEMAN married MAY FRIEDLANDER on August 14, 1953, in New York City.

T-5, who has furnished reliable information in

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the past, advised on August 4, 1944, that MAY FRIEDLANDER was a member of the Flatbush section of the CP.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1949 that PETER GUEST was a rabid Communist and that his first wife was reported to have lost her mind due to her Communist activities.

T-6 advised that JEAN HINDS GUEST, PETER GUEST's present wife, is also reported to be a Communist, and that to the informant's knowledge known Communists have held meetings at the GUESTS' apartment in New York City.

A pretext telephone call to LEONARD HOLLAND, 455 East 14th Street, New York City, on August 10, 1953, reflected that he is an attorney with offices at 551 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and resides at 455 East 14th Street, New York City. HOLLAND advised that he was formerly an instructor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York.

In a Personnel Security Questionnaire dated August 1, 1948, submitted to the United States Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C., LEONARD HOLLAND indicated he was born March 4, 1922, at Brooklyn, New York, as LEONARD M. COHEN. He indicated his name was changed by court order in August, 1946. He listed his wife as RUTH ROBBINS, born April 10, 1924, at New York City. At that time, he was an instructor at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York.

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T-2 Mrs. MELBA SHERMAN, Clerk, Shelter Island PO	Info re residence at Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, Long Island, NY	11/21/55	DANIEL F. O'CONNOR	Instant file
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T-5 NY 1190-S*	Used to document MAY FRIEDLANDER.
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T-6 ANN RADD, Bureau of General Services, United Nations, NYC	Used to document PETER GUEST and wife.
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The pretext telephone call was made to LEONARD HOLLAND, 455 East 14th Street, New York City, by SA RAYMOND E. BOYLE on August 10, 1953. The nature of the pretext used is not known at this time.

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One copy of this report is being furnished WFO due to their interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact T-1 for information concerning the subject's activities.
2. Will interview Mrs. JOHN H. GARR, proprietor of Shorewood Farms, to determine if the subject spent the summer of 1955 there.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 11/28/55, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

1/18/56

SAC, LOS ANGELES (65-4863)

**JUDITH COPLON
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(OO: Washington Field)**

Re Denver airtel 1/11/56.

In view of the comments in referenced airtel, no further action is contemplated at Los Angeles and this case is being considered RUC.

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 185 CLAREMONT AVE, NY, NY

Employment: SAME ADDRESS (HOUSEWIFE)

Address:

Key Facility (Yes___) (No_X) Detcom (Yes___) (No_X) Comsab (Yes___) (No_X)
Security Flash (Yes___) (No___) Photo (Yes_X) (No___)

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

Employment: HOUSEWIFE

Address: 185 CLAREMONT AVE, NY, NY

Key Facility: (Yes___) (No_X) Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom and Comsab: (Yes___) (No_X)

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

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Verified by:

Residence:

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Neighborhood Source:

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932) (4)

DATE:

FROM : SA DANIEL P. O'CONNOR

1/27/56

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, wa.
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On 1/26/56 Mrs. MELBA SHERMAN ~~xxxxxx~~, Clerk, U.S. Post Office, Shelter Island Center, N.Y. advised the writer that she has now determined the mail of the subject, Mrs. SOKODOV, had been picked up during the period of her stay at Shorewood Farms by VISSER and ARONOFF, first names of each not known at this point. The forwarding address left by both of these individuals is 225 West 86 Street, Apartment 801, New York City.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 3/2/56	Investigative Period 2/8, 21, 27/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLAN, was		Report made by ROBERT W. CONOLAN	Typed By crk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

Subject advised T-1, on 2/21/56, that she is expecting birth of third child in six or seven weeks. T-1 advised that subject's advanced stage of pregnancy keeps her inactive. Mrs. JOHN M. GARR, Proprietor of Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, Long Island, New York, is presently in South America.

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DETAILS: T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 27, 1956, that subject still resides in Apartment 4D, 135 Clemenat Avenue, New York

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City, with her husband and their two children. Informant stated that she had a brief conversation with the subject on February 21, 1956, at which time the subject advised her that she expects her third child to be born in about six or seven weeks.

The informant further stated that the subject's advanced stage of pregnancy keeps her inactive and makes her stick close to home. The informant added that the subject spends considerable time with DEBRA IRVING, the four year old daughter of MOLLIE IRVING, a close friend and neighbor of subject, who died suddenly in November, 1955.

T-1 stated that DEBRA IRVING attends day school and when she comes home in the afternoon, she remains with the subject until her father, BEN IRVING, comes home from work.

Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4B, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised on November 7, 1955, that she had a casual conversation with the subject after her return from her summer vacation.

At that time the subject told Mrs. ROBERTSON that she had spent the summer at Shelter Island, Long Island, New York.

Mrs. JOHN H. GARR was interviewed on May 12, 1955, by SAs THOMAS J. DOWLING and JAMES P. MARTIN. At that time Mrs. GARR advised that she and her husband operate Shorewood Farms, Incorporated, a summer resort at Shelter Island, New York.

An attempt was made to re-interview Mrs. GARR on February 8, 1956, at her place of business, Dalton Cooper Company, 200 West 34th Street, to ascertain whether subject may have stayed at Shorewood Farms during the summer of 1955.

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Miss JARRET MARTIN, Secretary to Mrs. GARR, advised that Mrs. GARR is presently in South America on a business trip and is not expected to return to New York City until about the end of March, 1956.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

1. One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to the interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will recontact T-1 for information concerning subject's activities.

2. Will interview Ms. JOHN H. GARR, proprietor of Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, New York, upon her return from South America, to ascertain whether subject spent her vacation at Shorewood Farms.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN, 1/19/56, New York.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341652)

3/14/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

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On 3/7/56, NY 1284-S* advised that (FNU) PALMER, son of ARCHIBALD PALMER, contacted NEEDLEMAN relative to the sale of a cleaning establishment known as Archer Cleaners Glen Oaks, Inc., 255-07 Union Turnpike, Bellerose, NY, which is owned by SAMUEL ARNESS, one of NEEDLEMAN'S clients. Incidental to their discussion re the cleaning establishment, NEEDLEMAN told PALMER that he had just talked to his father and observed that he did not know of another lawyer who could have gotten as much out of the COPLIN case. NEEDLEMAN continued that he thought ARCHIBALD PALMER was overzealous and a tough guy to get along with, but when he read about the COPLIN case, he realized that it took just that kind of attitude to win it. (FNU) PALMER replied that it did to bring out those disclosures. NEEDLEMAN continued that no one (other than ARCHIBALD PALMER) would have had the nerve to pit themselves against the FBI, and that COPLIN is out of jail now only because of his doing.

It is noted that P and C Bulet to NY, dated 6/29/49, entitled, "ARCHIBALD PALMER, Information Concerning" stated that PALMER had two sons, RALPH and ROGER.

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- 1- 62-90472 (ARCHIBALD PALMER)
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: 3-28-56

FROM : John J. Hayes

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon -
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VINCENT Schiano, INS, 70 Columbus Ave, NYC who is among the several investigators of INS now working on the NICOLAE MALAXA hearing which INS is now conducting telephonically advised that when Judith Coplon was alerted by the FBI she had in her possession, or had just turned over to Valentin GUBITCHER, material on the MALAXA Case.

INS wants to know if FBI can tell them what material on Malaxa was of interest to Coplon or GUBITCHER.

Schiano said that INS is in a hurry to get the answer to this and pointed out that they would be glad to review any file on Coplon if available to them.

SA Hayes explained to Schiano that the file on Coplon of course was 65-14932-1204

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available for review by them, but

that his request would be made known to the office.

It is noted that the Coplan case is pending (as is the Malaya case).

Des. #6 is requested to advise if the answer to INS request is known and if so, can it be disseminated.

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TO : SA John Hayes #8
 FROM : SA Robert A. Cochran
 SUBJECT:

DATE: 3-28-56

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no file on Judith Coplon contains no material on Malaya pertinent to FNS investigation. no does not know why material on Malaya was of interest to Coplon or Gubitcher.

It is suggested that FNS may desire to consult the Federal Record which has a complete transcript of the trial and is available at the U. S. Court House, Foley Square.

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at 12:00 p.m. 3-29-56 Investigator Vincent Schiano was telephonically advised of the above

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 4/23/56	Investigative Period 3/15; 4/9; 12/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		Report made by ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Typed By: jlk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

T-1 advised subject is expecting birth of her third child about 4/16/56. Mrs. JOHN H. GARR, proprietor of Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, L.I., NY, advised subject and family spent summer of 1955 there. Mrs. GARR stated subject had been recommended by LEO HURWITZ. Information re Communist activities of LEO and JANE DUDLEY HURWITZ set forth.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 9, 1956, that subject and her husband, as Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, continued to live in Apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, with their two children. T-1 stated she had a brief conversation with subject on April 2, 1956, at which time subject indicated that she expects her third child to be born in about two weeks.

The informant stated that subject's advanced stage of pregnancy appears to confine her close to her home.

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The informant added that subject's mother visits her occasionally and helps take care of the children.

On March 15, 1956, Mrs. JOHN H. GARR, President of Dalton-Cooper Company, 200 West 34th Street, New York City, identified a photograph of subject and her husband as Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, who were tenants at Shorewood Farms, Shelter Island, New York, during the summer of 1955.

Mrs. GARR stated that she and her husband own Shorewood Farms and rent 30 cottages to tenants during the summer.

Mrs. GARR stated that subject had been recommended by LEO HURWITZ who, along with his wife, JANE DUDLEY HURWITZ, are also summer tenants at Shorewood Farms.

Mrs. GARR stated the HURWITZES have been summer residents for the past few years and that LEO HURWITZ is connected in some way with the theatrical field, while his wife, JANE DUDLEY HURWITZ, is a former dancer. She added they have a nine year old boy and live at 43 West 93rd Street, New York City.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 28, 1948, that JANE DUDLEY, wife of LEO HURWITZ, photographer and producer, was, at that time, a member of the Communist Party (CP).

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 16, 1943, that LEO HURWITZ was a member of Branch B, Northwest Section, Los Angeles CP, which section was primarily for motion picture directors and producers.

The informant stated HURWITZ was awaiting transfer to

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Branch A2, Northwest Section, which was primarily for screen writers.

Mr. JOSEPH H. JACKSON, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, Personnel Director, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), furnished the following information to SA JOHN C. WILSON in November, 1944:

He stated that LEO HURWITZ was employed as a writer and director in the Television Department for CBS, New York City, since January, 1944. HURWITZ was born June 22, 1909, and is a native-born citizen. He is married to JANE D. HURWITZ. He graduated from Harvard University in 1930, where he majored in psychology and philosophy, and obtained a BA degree. Prior to coming to CBS, JACKSON stated HURWITZ was employed as a writer and director by Vanguard Films, Culver City, California.

On June 30, 1953, LEO HURWITZ was approached by SAS ALEXANDER M. GANSKY and WILFRED R. SCHLARMAN, near his residence, 43 West 93rd Street, New York City, at which time they told him they would like to discuss a confidential matter with him. HURWITZ replied he had nothing to discuss with the FBI and in the event he did, he would communicate with this office. The interview was terminated at this point, as HURWITZ walked away from the agents.

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T-2. <div data-bbox="63 779 397 859" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 28px; width: 153px;"></div>	Info re JANE DUDLEY HURWITZ.	1/28/48		100-64272-54
T-3. <div data-bbox="69 916 373 996" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 28px; width: 139px;"></div>	Info re LEO HURWITZ.	11/16/43		100-18874-1A8

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NEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will recontact T-1 for information concerning subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 3/2/56, NY.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4-24-56

FROM : M. A. DOODY, ASSIGNMENT CARDS

(65-14932)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS.

NEW ASSIGNMENT CARD PREPARED SHOWING LAST ASSIGNMENT
AND LAST POSTING. OLD CARD ATTACHED HERETO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-405862)

5/22/56

SAC, NEW YORK (100-115952)

VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM
SM-C

On 5/9/56, [redacted] New York, voluntarily appeared at the NYO with [redacted] and furnished the following information to SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN:

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[redacted]
During this time he became closely associated with subject and stated that she is a Communist and a Communist sympathizer. He stated she would take the part of Soviet Russia in any discussion and had solicited signatures for the Stockholm Peace Petition.

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[redacted] stated that subject and VIVIAN GLASSMAN were close friends and had worked together at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He met GLASSMAN through subject and was in her presence socially on three or four occasions.

He further stated that GLASSMAN and one of her sisters shared an apartment on West 23rd St., NYC in the late 1940's. He could not recall the name of the sister nor the address of the apartment. [redacted] ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, [redacted] In connection with his [redacted] stated that she shares the same political views as her sister, but is less vocal about it.

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On one occasion in 1949, at [redacted] discuss JUDY COPLON. He believed a third party was also present, but he

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could not recall his or her identity. In any event, he heard ANITA FRUCHTBAUM say that she had mailed a package for JUDY COPLON at the request of VIVIAN GLASSMAN.

[redacted] stated his memory is very hazy concerning this conversation, but he also believed that [redacted] and the other person present chided VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM for having anything to do with COPLON. However, subject told them it was a free country and she would do what she wanted.

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[redacted] ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, is presently residing at 425 Central Park West, New York City.

The indices of the NYO contain no reference on ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY. [redacted] advised he desired his identity be kept confidential.

Bureau authority is requested to interview ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY for any information she may have in her possession concerning this matter.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 6/5/56	Investigative Period 5/1,18,28/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		Report made by ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Typed By ald
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE- R	

Synopsis:

Subject's third child, WILLIAM SOCOLOV, born 4/17/56. T-1 stated subject's new baby appears to keep her busy and confined to her apartment. Subject's mother, Mrs. REBECCA COPLON, advised T-1 that their apartment at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC, is too small and they expect to move.

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DETAILS:

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, New York City, as checked by SA WILLIAM T. FIELD, Jr. on May 1, 1956, reflect SOCOLOV, (no first name), male, was born April 17, 1956, at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City. His father was listed as ALBERT HARRY SOCOLOV, 34, attorney, born Brooklyn, New York. His mother was listed as JUDITH COPLON, 31.

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born Brooklyn, New York, residence 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City. It was also indicated that this was the third child born of this marriage.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 28, 1956, that subject's third child is named WILLIAM. T-1 stated that subject's new baby appears to keep her busy and confined to her apartment as she rarely observes her about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue.

T-1 also stated that while subject was in the hospital and upon her return, her mother, Mrs. REBECCA COPLON, took care of the other children. T-1 stated Mrs. COPLON lived/for three weeks during the course of which she became friendly with T-1. Mrs. COPLON stated that subject expected to move as a one bedroom apartment for five people was too small. In this connection, Mrs. COPLON stated AL SOCOLOV is looking at homes and hopes to find one soon as subject desires a large family.

Mrs. COPLON also told T-1 that they expected to spend the summer outside New York City and may go back to Shelter Island, Long Island, New York, where they spent an enjoyable summer.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to the Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

NEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will recontact T-1 for information concerning subject's activities.

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN, 4/23/56, NY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEWARK	Date 7/18/56	Investigative Period 5/9, 6/25, 26/56
TITLE OF CASE VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM		Report made by ROBERT W. CONSLAN	Typed By: exl
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis: T-1 advised that subject is a Communist or Communist sympathizer, and that sometime in 1949, subject told her sister, ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, that she had mailed a package for JUDITH KOPLAN at the request of VIVIAN GLASSMAN. ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY interviewed 6/25/56, and advised that her sister is not a Communist or Communist sympathizer. She also stated neither her sister nor VIVIAN GLASSMAN knew JUDITH KOPLAN.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has known subject for a number of years, but contact with whom has been insufficient to judge reliability, advised on May 9, 1956, that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, subject's sister, presently resides at 425 Central Park West, New York City. T-1 stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY was [redacted]

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T-1 stated that the subject and VIVIAN GLASSMAN were close friends and had worked together at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. T-1 further stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY had met VIVIAN GLASSMAN several times on social occasions through her sister, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM.

Informant learned that sometime in 1949, subject told ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY that she had mailed a package for JUDY COPLIN at the request of VIVIAN GLASSMAN. Informant stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY chided subject for having anything to do with JUDY COPLIN, but subject stated she would do what she planned.

Informant stated that in the late 1940s, [redacted]

[redacted] New York City. T-1 further stated that at that time VIVIAN GLASSMAN and GLASSMAN's sister shared an apartment on West 23rd Street, New York City.

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T-1 stated that subject is a Communist or Communist sympathizer. Informant stated that she would take the part of Soviet Russia in any discussion and had solicited signatures for the Stockholm Peace Petition.

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her sister. She stated she did not get to know GLASSMAN very well, and has not seen her for over ten years.

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She further stated that neither her sister nor VIVIAN GLASSMAN knew JUDITH COPLON. It was pointed out that they could be friends of COPLON without her knowledge, but she scoffed at this and stated that it would be extremely unlikely.

She stated that she and her former husband had an apartment on West 21st Street, New York City. She did not know whether GLASSMAN had an apartment on West 23rd Street, nor did she know GLASSMAN's sister.

JUDITH COPLON was found guilty June 30, 1949, in District of Columbia of violating Section 793 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on June 1, 1951, remanded the case for a hearing on whether there had been an interception of telephone calls between COPLON and her attorney. This hearing has not been held.

JUDITH COPLON was convicted in the Southern District of New York on March 7, 1950, and was sentenced March 9, 1950, for violating Section 794, Title 18, United States Code and conspiracy to violate Section 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code. These convictions involved espionage activities for Soviet Russia.

With regard to the above conviction, the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the conviction on December 5, 1950, and remanded the case for a new trial.

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The United States Supreme Court on January 25, 1952, refused to review either decision on Writs of Certiorari, JUDITH COPLON has not been retried.

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offered WILLIAM PERL \$2000 to flee to Mexico. GLAZMAN advised that the money was received from an unknown man who called at her apartment on July 21, 1950, but she refused to assist in identifying this individual.

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Although ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY indicated she would cooperate with the FBI, it soon became obvious through her answers that she did not intend to furnish any information concerning the Communist activities of VIVIAN GLASSMAN or her sister.

REFERENCES: NY letter to Bureau, 5/22/56.
Bureau letter to NY, 6/7/56.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 7/24/56	Investigative Period 6/29; 7/12, 19/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		Report made by ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Typed By rvm
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC. Subject advised T-1 that she will remain in the city during Summer. T-2 advised that sometime in 1949, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM had mailed a package for COPLON at the request of VIVIAN GLASSMAN. Information regarding VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM and VIVIAN GLASSMAN set forth.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 12, 1956, advised that the subject and her husband, as Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOW, continue to reside in Apartment 4-D, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, with their three children. T-1 stated that she recently had a brief conversation with the subject, wherein the subject mentioned that she was not going away on vacation this Summer, but would stay in New York City.

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The subject stated that they had bought an air-conditioning unit which would make their apartment cooler and their stay here more pleasant.

T-1 further stated that since the birth of her third child last April, the subject stays home most of the time. Her mother visits her occasionally and helps take care of the children. T-1 had no additional information of any plans the subject may have on moving from 185 Claremont Avenue.

T-2, who has known VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM for many years, but contact with whom has been insufficient to judge reliability, advised on May 9, 1956, that VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM is a Communist or Communist sympathizer. T-2 stated that VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM would take the part of Soviet Russia in any discussion and had solicited signatures for the Stockholm Peace Petition.

T-2 further stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM's sister, [redacted]

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T-2 stated that VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM and VIVIAN GLASSMAN were close friends and had worked together at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. T-2 further stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY had met VIVIAN GLASSMAN several times on social occasions through her sister, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM.

T-2 learned that sometime in 1949, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM told ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY that she had mailed a package for JUDY COPLON at the request of VIVIAN GLASSMAN. T-2 stated that ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY chided subject for having anything to do with COPLON, but VIVIAN stated she would do what she pleased.

*Vivian Fruchtbaum
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In connection with ANITA FRUCHTBAUM SALISBURY, T-2 stated that she shares the same political views as her sister, but is less vocal about it.

On March 13, 1953, Mrs. VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM CARLIN was contacted at her residence, 0-67, Fairlawn Parkway, Fairlawn, New Jersey, by SAs WINFRED ELDER JESTER and STUART E. CHALIFOUX. When advised of the identity of the agents, VIVIAN FRUCHTBAUM CARLIN requested to know the nature of the interview and when advised that they wished to talk to her concerning persons she had been employed with at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, in 1942 and 1943, she stated that this employment had taken place so long ago, that she did not feel she would be able to furnish the agents with any information.

The agents thereupon advised her that they would like to ask her some questions concerning VIVIAN GLASSMAN. Mrs. CARLIN again stated that it had been so long since she had worked with GLASSMAN, that she did not feel she would be able to furnish any information. At this point, the agents requested that she at least give them the opportunity of asking her the questions, to which she again gave the same answer. Mrs. CARLIN was then asked if she would prefer not to speak to the agents at all and she answered yes.

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At New York, New York

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

Judith Socolow, nee

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: *Apt. 40, 185 Claremont Ave. n. y., n. y.*

Employment: *housewife*

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No

Detcom ☐ Yes ☒ No

Security Flash ☐ Yes ☒ No

Photo ☐ Yes ☒ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial _____

Residence: *SAME*

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

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Employment:

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Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date: *7-26-56*

Verified by SA:

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FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/15/56	Investigative Period 8/20;9/11/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		Report made by ROBERT W. COHOLAN	Typed By ag
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

T-1 advised subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, NYC, with husband and three children. T-1 stated subject's closest friend appears to be Mrs. LEOLA ADLER also of 185 Claremont Avenue. Information regarding LEOLA ADLER set forth.

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DETAILS:

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 11, 1956, that subject and her husband, as Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, continue to reside in apartment 4D, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, with their three children. T-1 stated that subject did not leave the city during the summer and spent her vacation here. T-1 further stated that subject's duties as a housewife and mother appear to occupy her full time.

Informant stated that subject's closest friend appears to be Mrs. LEOLA ADLER and they spend considerable time in each other's company. T-1 stated that LEOLA and PAUL ADLER

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live in apartment 1G at 185 Claremont Avenue. T-1 further stated that the ADLERS have resided there for about six years and have a boy about three years old.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA FRANCIS J. VOGT on October 28, 1955, reflect that 1952 and 1953 LEONI ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue failed to list any party affiliation. In 1954 LEONI ADLER registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties. In 1952, 1953 and 1954 PAUL ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties.

Upon registering in 1954, LEONI ADLER indicated she was 32 years of age, married, born in Germany, naturalized February, 1946, at Poughkeepsie, New York and had resided four years in the State and three and one half years in the election district. In 1954 PAUL ADLER indicated he was 38 years of age, married, born in Germany, naturalized in December, 1952, in the Southern District of New York and had resided seven years in the State and three and one half years in the election district.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York as checked by SE DONALD G. STRELETZKY on October 18, 1955, reflect a credit report dated May 24, 1955, which indicated PAUL ADLER (wife, LEONI), 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, was 40 years of age. He is Purchasing Agent with the Israel Corporation of America, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City, and has been so engaged for four years. They are exporters of general merchandise. ADLER's income was reported as being \$5,000.00 yearly.

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At New York, New York

Will recontact T-1 for information concerning the subject's activities.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 11/26/56	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/1,5,9/56
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN	TYPED BY brs
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Neighbors advised subject continues to reside at 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, with husband and three children, and leads an ordinary and routine life.

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DETAILS:

Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4-B, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN on November 1, 1956, that subject and her husband, as Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV, continue to reside in Apartment 4-D at this address with their three children. Mrs. ROBERTSON stated that subject's mother visits her occasionally and helps take care of the children. Mrs. ROBERTSON further stated that subject's duties as a housewife and mother keep her busy and confined pretty close to her apartment.

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In connection with subject's apartment, Mrs. ROBERTSON pointed out that it is only a one bedroom apartment and she felt it was too small for five persons and that subject would be forced to move. However, in the few casual conversations that Mrs. ROBERTSON has had with her, the subject has not indicated she plans on moving.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 9, 1956, that subject spends considerable time about the premises of 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, with Mrs. LEOLA ADLER, who resides in Apartment 1-G at this address.

T-1 stated that the two women are close friends and spend considerable time in each others company. The informant had no further information on any plans subject may have as regards moving.

The records of the Board of Elections, New York City, as checked by SA FRANCIS J. VOGT on October 28, 1955, reflect that in 1952 and 1953 LEONI ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue, failed to list any party affiliation. In 1954 LEONI ADLER registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties. In 1952, 1953 and 1954, PAUL ADLER, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, registered as a supporter of one of the two major political parties.

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REFERENCE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 1/28/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/27/56; 1/7, 8, 14/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT W. COHOLAN	TYPED BY mad
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject and family moved to 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, on 1/8/57. Subject's new apartment is in cooperative development and was purchased for \$3,300.

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DETAILS:

On December 27, 1956, Mrs. EDWIN L. ROBERTSON, Apartment 4B, 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, advised SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN that subject was planning to move in the near future. Mrs. ROBERTSON stated that she had a brief conversation with the subject a few days previous wherein the subject indicated that they were able to buy into a cooperative development in Brooklyn, New York, and expected to move soon.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 7, 1957, that the subject would move from 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, to an undisclosed address in Brooklyn.

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on January 8, 1957. T-1 stated that the subject mentioned that they were moving to a cooperative development in Brooklyn but did not give any particulars.

On January 8, 1957, T-1 advised that the subject and her family had moved from 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, on that date.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 14, 1957, that the subject moved from 185 Claremont Avenue, New York City, to 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, on January 8, 1957.

Mr. KENNETH KLINGER, superintendent, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN on January 14, 1957, that Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCOLOV and their three children live in Apartment 12D at this address. Mr. KLINGER stated that they have a three bedroom apartment. Mr. KLINGER added that he knew very little concerning the SOCOLOV'S and suggested that the office of James Felt and Company, 362 Fifth Avenue, be contacted as they manage the development.

Mrs. F. MILLER, clerk, James Felt and Company, 362 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN on January 14, 1957, that ALBERT and JUDITH SOCOLOV reside in Apartment 12D, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York. Mrs. MILLER stated that this is a cooperative development build and managed by James Felt and Company. Mrs. MILLER further stated that the SOCOLOV'S purchased their apartment for \$3,300 and they pay a rental of \$106 per month.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being furnished to WFO due to the interest in this matter.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated 11/20/56, at New York.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

Judith Socolow, was.

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence:

apt-40, 185 Claremont Ave., NY, NY

Employment:

Housewife

Address:

Key Facility

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Yes

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Detcom

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Security Flash

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No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

125 ASHLAND PLACE

Method of Verification:

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

Neighborhood Source:

KEN KUNGER, S.O.P.T.

Date:

1-12-57

125 Ashland Pl.

Verified by SA:

R. W. Cokolan

Employment:

Housewife

Address:

Key Facility:

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Yes

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No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom:

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Yes

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Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Same as Residence

Date:

1-12-57

Verified by SA:

R. W. Cokolan

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau:

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Yes

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No

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R. W. Cokolan
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Director, FBI (65-58365)

DATE: 2/13/57

FROM :

SAC, New York (65-14932)

SUBJECT:

JUDITH SOCOLOV, was
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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NATIVE BORN _____ NATURALIZED _____ ALIEN _____

COMMUNIST _____ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY _____ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE _____

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) _____

TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER _____ RESPONSIBILITY _____

INTERESTED AGENCIES _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

REGISTERED MAIL

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Date Received

Date Returned

Report by

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 3/29/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 3/16,19,21/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		REPORT MADE BY JAMES C. BROWN	TYPED BY mln
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

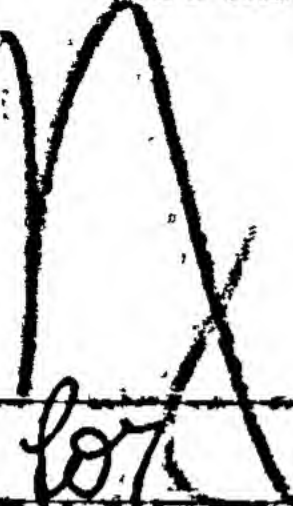

KENNETH KLINGER advised that subject continues to reside at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, with her husband and three children and leads an ordinary and routine life.

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DETAILS:

KENNETH KLINGER, 115 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, Superintendent, advised SA **JAMES C. BROWN** on March 19, 1957, that subject continues to reside at Apartment 12-D, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, with her husband and three children and leads an ordinary and routine life of a housewife.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will recontact superintendent, KENNETH KLINGER, for information concerning the subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT W. CONOLAN, 1/28/57, at New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

April 9, 1957

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

Albert Socolov
Apartment 12-D
125 Ashland Place
Brooklyn, New York

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

JCB:cm

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DATE: 4/12/57

Transmit the following message via AIR-TEL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341652)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
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At approximately 5:45 p.m., 4/11/57, the following information in substance was received from NY 1537-S*, whose identity must be protected. This is being submitted for information.

JACK MC MANUS and JIM ARONSON, both of the "National Guardian" staff, conferred with NEEDLEMAN at the latter's office. ARONSON asked NEEDLEMAN what he thought about the SOBLE case. NEEDLEMAN went into a lengthy explanation as to how he had been obtaining evidence which would discredit BORIS MORROS. He mentioned material

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1 - NY 100-7664 (JACK MC MANUS)(#7-2)
1 - NY 100-103390 (JIM ARONSON)(#12-14)
1 - NY 100-93572 (NATIONAL GUARDIAN)(#7-2)
1 - NY 100-121933 (SIDNEY KAUFMAN)(#6)
1 - NY (GEORGE ADAMOUR)
1 - NY 65-15330 (ALFRED DEAN SLACK)(#6)
1 - NY 100-95077 (AL VAN TASSEL)(#6)
1 - NY 65-15525 (BEN RESNICK)(#6)
① - NY 65-14932 (JUDY COPLON)(#6)
1 - NY 65-15324 (HARRY GOLD)(#6)
1 - NY (DAVID GREENGLASS)
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received from SIDNEY KAUFMAN concerning foreign films and information concerning dealings with music publishers in regard to "War and Peace." NEEDLEMAN then told MC MANUS and ARONSON about a client of his, one GEORGE ADAMOUR, who was questioned by the FBI concerning his association with JACK SOBLE. NEEDLEMAN mentioned that the questioning centered about ADAMOUR's meeting with SOBLE at an unidentified hotel. NEEDLEMAN said it was his opinion with regard to the ADAMOUR incident that the FBI had been trailing SOBLE at the time of the meeting or that the SOBLES were talking. NEEDLEMAN then told them that the "whole business in the papers" shocked him and that he could not believe that they had pleaded guilty without some deal having been made.

According to the informant, ARONSON then commented that he knows BORIS (MORROS) and that he is a "phony liar." ARONSON told NEEDLEMAN that BORIS "took" a man named BALL for \$50,000.00 on the music rights for "War and Peace," and that BALL had to make a trip to Europe in order to recover \$40,000.00 of his money. ARONSON mentioned that BORIS still has \$10,000.00 belonging to BALL. NEEDLEMAN then commented that he thought that if BORIS ever got on the stand, "We could have murdered him."

ARONSON then commented that he and MC MANUS felt there was something fishy going on and said that they did not know how to handle it. NEEDLEMAN said that while they were with him he could contact his old friend HAROLD FRANKEL who is representing ALBAM (JACOB ALBAM). ARONSON commented that "they left Albam holding the bag if he does not plead guilty." According to the informant, NEEDLEMAN then made a telephone call to HAROLD FRANKEL regarding the SOBLE case. The informant said that at the conclusion of the call, NEEDLEMAN commented to ARONSON and MC MANUS that he was told that there was not a deal and with this, they all laughed.

NEEDLEMAN then stated that in his mind, there was no question but that a deal had been made and said that it appeared to him to be a parallel situation to the ALFRED DEAN SLACK case, saying that perhaps they did get material

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from a library or place like that and passed it on so they could plead guilty to one of the lesser charges. ARONSON then commented that he knew SOBLE was a good friend of BORIS (BORIS MORROS).

ARONSON then asked NEEDLEMAN if he thought that the STERNS (ALFRED and MARTHA STERN) would be indicted. NEEDLEMAN said he did not think so and then explained that VAN TASSEL (AL VAN TASSEL) had been called before the grand jury to explain his business association with STERN. MC MANUS then asked NEEDLEMAN if he had any idea as to where the present grand jury is going. NEEDLEMAN then told them that BEN RESNICK had been called before the jury and had been questioned regarding activities back as far as 1920. NEEDLEMAN then commented "Resnick was through in 1930."

ARONSON then asked NEEDLEMAN if he thought the paper (National Guardian) should try to draw a parallel between the SOBLE and the SLACK case. NEEDLEMAN told them that they should wait a while and see how things go and suggested they not get "out on a limb" He suggested that they might look into SOBLE's mental condition. NEEDLEMAN stated that SOBLE'S attorney probably advised him to take the plea as the lesser of two evils after seeing his mental condition. NEEDLEMAN then commented, "The best gal in this whole deal was Judy Coplon." He then went on to explain that people are under terrific pressure in a circumstance such as this.

MC MANUS told NEEDLEMAN that they "knocked this thing around all day" and thought that if they could do something to "knock the government in the head" that it would be a good thing. MC MANUS then reverted to the SLACK case and said, "The FBI got their hands on Gold, a sick guy, and their victims were the Rosenbergs (JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG) and Slack." He then commented that perhaps the government has something on MORROS. ARONSON then commented that MORROS had been in and out of Russia many times. NEEDLEMAN then suggested that perhaps they would be better off to let the entire matter rest this week in order to give him time to have lunch with FRANKEL and get the whole story before making a move.

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MC MANUS and ARONSON, according to the informant, then stated they were considering running a story on SOBLE pointing out his mental condition and that beside this article they were intending to run a story on SLACK, pointing out that he plead guilty to avoid the death penalty. NEEDLEMAN cautioned them that they should be careful and not discredit either SOBLES' or SLACK's attorneys and suggested that if they did decide to run anything in the paper that he first be given an opportunity to see the copy. He then suggested that perhaps the government agreed with the SOBLES to let Mrs. SOBLE off as they did in the case of RUTH GREENGLASS.

KELLY.



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File No.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

5/13/57

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL (U)

May 1, 1957

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that information be furnished concerning toll calls charged to UL 5-6817 during past six months. This number is reported to be listed to

Albert Socolov
Apartment 12-D
125 Ashland Place
Brooklyn, New York

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 5/13/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/11,15,26,29/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		REPORT MADE BY JAMES C. BROWN	TYPED BY CAC
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject and husband ALBERT SOCOLOV, have a non-published telephone number ULster 5-6817. Subject continues to reside at 125 Ashland Pl., Bklyn, NY, with her husband and three children.

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DETAILS:

On April 15, 1957, Mr. EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York Telephone Company, 140 West Street, New York City, advised SA ROBERT DE WARDEN, that ALBERT SOCOLOV (subject's husband), Apartment 12D of 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, has a non-published telephone number of ULster 5-6817.

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW
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On April 26, 1957, Mr. KENNETH KLINGER, 115 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, Superintendent, advised SA JAMES C. BROWN that subject continues to reside at Apartment 12D, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, with her husband and three children. KLINGER further advised that he had recently engaged the subject's husband in a conversation but had learned nothing regarding his or the subject's plans for a summer vacation. KLINGER added that the subject continues to lead an ordinary and routine life of a housewife.

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NY 1537-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 11, 1957, that JACK MC MANUS (NY file 100-7664) and JIM ARONSON (NY file 100-103390), both of the "National Guardian" (NY file 100-93570) staff, conferred with ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN (NY file 100-78633) at his office in NYC, on 4/11/57. ARONSON asked NEEDLEMAN what he thought about the Soble Case (NY file 100-86896). NEEDLEMAN made a lengthy explanation as to how he had been obtaining evidence which would discredit BORIS MORRIS. The three continued to discuss the Soble Case in general, and NEEDLEMAN then commented, "The best gal in this whole deal was JUDY COPLON". He then went on to explain that people are under terrific pressure in a circumstance such as this. The complete text of the above meeting was furnished the Bureau in an airtel, dated 4/12/57, Bufile 100-341652, subject, ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, IS-R; ISA of 1950.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to Washington Field Office due to their interest in this matter.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will remain in contact with Superintendent KENNETH KLINGER, for information concerning the subject's activities.

REFERENCE

NY report of SA JAMES C. BROWN, dated 3/29/57.

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SAC, NEWARK

6/11/57

LOS SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was
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9 On 5/21/57, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York Telephone Co., NYC, made available toll calls charged to ULster 5-6817 during the past six months. This is the unlisted telephone of subject and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOVY at 125 Ashland Pl., Brooklyn, NY.

This toll call check reflected one toll call on 3/26/57 to Newark, NJ, Market 2-3407.

Newark is requested to advise the NYO of the identity of the subscriber to Market 2-3407 and to furnish the NYO any information contained in Newark files concerning the subscriber.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 6/24/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/25,27-31;6/3,5,10/57
TITLE OF CASE MARION DAVIS BERDECIO, was		REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS W. ZANGLE	TYPED BY mld
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject and two daughters arrived from Mexico at Idlewild Airport, 5/25/57. Subject interviewed 5/31/57 and stated purpose of trip to NY was to bring her daughter to heart specialist. Subject admitted knowing JUDITH COPLON and FLORA DON WOVSCHIN but denied any knowledge of espionage activities or participation in same. She said COPLON suggested getting job at OCIAA in Summer of 1944 in Washington, D. C. In response to questions about Americans now residing in Mexico she stated that she was not aware whether any were Communists because such matters were never discussed. She checked out of Hotel Olcott June 1, 1957, and had reservations for return to Mexico on that date.

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		65-14932-1225 <i>me</i>			

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DETAILS: On May 25, 1957, HARRY SINGER, United States Customs, Idlewild Airport, called SA THOMAS J. O'HARA, Jr., and stated that the subject had arrived from Mexico at Idlewild Airport, New York City, at 1:00 a.m. on May 25, 1957, aboard Air France Flight 070. She was accompanied by two daughters, CARLA, age 8, and SUSANA, age 9. She gave a local New York City address of Hotel Olcott, New York City.

EUGENE FISHBEIN, Manager of the Hotel Olcott, 27 West 72nd Street, New York City, was contacted by SAS THOMAS J. BARRY and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE on May 27, 28, 29, 31, and June 3, 1957. He advised that subject and her two daughters had checked into the hotel on the morning of May 25, 1957. She was assigned Room 1109 which is a suite of two rooms with accommodations for light housekeeping.

FISHBEIN stated during the course of the week he had occasion to observe the subject at various times during the day and had seen her and the children in the lobby. They did not appear to have any visitors.

On June 1, 1957, subject and her daughters checked out of the hotel and advised they were departing via United Airlines on that evening to return to Mexico.

Subject was interviewed on the evening of May 31, 1957, by SAS THOMAS J. BARRY and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE. She advised that the purpose of her trip to New York was to see a heart specialist about one of her daughters who she feared was suffering from a heart murmur.

She stated she had left the United States in 1946 after her marriage to ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO and since that time had returned only twice. Once she visited her parents in the Fall of 1948 and was also here in 1953 after the death of her father, JULIUS DAVIS. She remained in New York City at that time for about a month in order to settle the affairs of her father's estate.

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Shortly after her return to Mexico in 1953 her mother, Mrs. REBECCA DAVIS, and her sister, ELLEN DAVIS, gave up their residence in New York and came to Mexico where they now reside with her.

The subject admitted knowing JUDITH COPLON and FLORA DON WOVSCHIN. She said FLORA DON WOVSCHIN was her best friend during their school days. They both attended Fieldston High School, Barnard College, and the University of Wisconsin. She said that WOVSCHIN had met a Russian in the United States and had married him and departed this country around 1946. She later heard that WOVSCHIN had died. She said WOVSCHIN's mother had told her that she had received a death certificate from the USSR attesting that FLORA DON WOVSCHIN had died of pneumonia in Vladivostok. Subject said that WOVSCHIN's mother now resides in Mexico City.

Subject stated that she did not recall exactly how WOVSCHIN met the man she married, NIKOLAI KARPEKOV, but she supposed that it was because of her interest in Russian War Relief, an organization which WOVSCHIN, but not she, worked for even when they were still in school. Subject said that KARPEKOV was the only Russian national that she had ever met through WOVSCHIN or any other way. This meeting came about during the Spring of 1946.

She said that on this occasion KARPEKOV, WOVSCHIN, BERDECIO, and she all went to Jones Beach together for a day's outing. When they saw WOVSCHIN again without KARPEKOV she and BERDECIO tried to talk WOVSCHIN out of marrying KARPEKOV. She said they did this because they felt that WOVSCHIN was not in love with KARPEKOV and that the only reason she seemed to want to marry him was in order to go to Russia.

WOVSCHIN was married to KARPEKOV in a ceremony in the Russian Embassy, Washington, D. C., subject stated, but she herself was not present at the wedding. Subject recalled the wedding might have taken place in New York City at one of the Russian establishments, she was not sure which.

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Shortly after they were married, WOVSCHIN and KARPEKOV left the United States and subject next heard from WOVSCHIN in a letter from Beirut. In this letter WOVSCHIN did not appear too happy with her marriage.

Shortly after that in September, 1946, subject married BERDECIO and they sent an announcement of the marriage to WOVSCHIN to an address of WOVSCHIN's uncle who resided in Russia. Subject said she got this address from WOVSCHIN's mother who, at that time, resided in New York. Subject said she received a telegram of congratulations from WOVSCHIN and that was the last she had ever heard from her.

Concerning JUDITH COPLON, subject stated she met COPLON in her sophomore year at Barnard College, New York City. She said she was never as close to COPLON as she was to WOVSCHIN. She described her friendship with COPLON as merely a casual one.

She said after she left college she went to Mexico in December of 1943, where she was employed as a messenger in the Office of Naval Intelligence at the American Embassy in Mexico City. It was during that time that she met ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO.

In July of 1944 she returned to the United States and was going to look for a job which would require more of her talents than the messenger job did in Mexico. She said that she was qualified as an economist.

Shortly after her return to New York in the Summer of 1944, JUDITH COPLON called her on the phone and asked her what her plans were. She said she did not know how COPLON knew that she was back in New York, but presumed that COPLON had heard from one of their fellow alumnae from Barnard. She told COPLON that she was looking for a job and COPLON suggested to her that she file an application with the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (OCIAA).

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COPLON told her that HARRY CONOVER, a former employee in COPLON's branch of the Justice Department, had recently transferred to OCIAA. COPLON suggested that CONOVER might be able to assist subject in obtaining placement with OCIAA. She obtained the job at OCIAA as COPLON had suggested and was stationed in Washington, D. C.

There she resumed her close acquaintanceship with FLORA DON WOVSCHIN who was then an employee of the State Department, but she said she saw very little of COPLON in Washington or at anytime thereafter. She said she was very surprised to read that COPLON was arrested and that she has not corresponded with COPLON at anytime since.

Subject stated that she did not know whether WOVSCHIN or COPLON were ever Communists and she denied that she herself was ever a Communist and stated she was not now a Communist.

She continued throughout the interview to insist that she had never been approached by anyone to assist the Soviets in any way and that she had never done so. She advised that she had never turned over any documents or revealed any confidential information to the Soviets or anyone else and had never been asked to do so.

She stated that JOSE ANTONIO ARZE was a friend of her husband who looked her up in the United States after her return from Mexico. She stated she knew very little about ARZE except that he was a Bolivian and a friend of her husband. She said she saw him a few times in the United States during 1945 and on one occasion ARZE took her to a New Year's Eve party at the home of some of his Bolivian friends who resided in Brooklyn. She did not recall their names or the location of their home. She said that the New Year's Eve party was probably on December 31, 1944, or January 1, 1945.

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She said that she had heard from her husband recently that ARZE died. She believed he had died somewhere in Mexico of something like a liver ailment and she thought he had died about a year and a half ago.

Subject stated that she continued to retain her United States citizenship and she presently resides in Mexico with the status of "Inmigrado". She stated she does not intend to give up her American citizenship. She stated she is acquainted with many Americans who now reside in Mexico. She stated she did not know whether there were any Communists among this group of Americans because such matters as political beliefs were never discussed among the group. She said that she knew they were liberals but that was all she would say. She said she did not know why they wanted to leave the United States and reside in Mexico.

She said she had flown here via Air France but could not obtain return reservations aboard Air France and therefore had obtained return reservations aboard Eastern Airlines, departing Saturday night, June 1, 1957.

JUDITH COPLON

In the Spring of 1953, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that the subject considered JUDITH COPLON to be one of her closest friends with whom she continues to correspond. The subject had invited COPLON to visit her during the Summer of 1953 and COPLON accepted the invitation.

However, on July 7, 1953, T-1 advised that COPLON informed the subject that she would not be able to visit her that summer inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation was keeping a close track of her.

JUDITH COPLON was found guilty on June 30, 1949, in the District of Columbia of violating Sections 793 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code.

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JUDITH COPLON was convicted in the Southern District of New York on March 7, 1950, and was sentenced on March 9, 1950, for violating Section 794, Title 18, United States Code, and conspiracy to violate 793, 794 and 2071, Title 18, United States Code. The convictions involving espionage activities for Soviet Russia.

With regard to the above convictions, the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, reversed the convictions on February 5, 1950, and remanded the case for a new trial.

The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, on June 1, 1951, remanded the case for a hearing on whether there had been an interception of telephone calls between COPLON and her attorney. This hearing has not been held.

The United States Supreme Court on January 28, 1952, refused to review either decision on writs of certiorari. JUDITH COPLON has not been retried.

FLORA DON WOVSCHIN

MARIA WICHER, mother of FLORA DON WOVSCHIN, was interviewed on January 22 and 23, 1952, in Decatur, Georgia, by SAS DALLAS MOBLEY and RICHARD A. MINIHAN.

MARIA WICHER stated that subject shared FLORA DON WOVSCHIN's pro-Russian views but was not quite as strong in these views as WOVSCHIN. She stated WOVSCHIN had worked for Russian War Relief during World War II and believed that the subject had been in this work also. MARIA WICHER stated that she too had worked for Russian War Relief.

MARIA WICHER stated that FLORA DON WOVSCHIN was married in 1946 to NIKOLAI KARPEKOV, an employee of the Amtorg Trading Corporation, New York City. WICHER stated that the marriage was performed by a Russian official, identity unknown, at the Russian Consulate in New York City. MARIA WICHER said that KARPEKOVs sailed for Russia on July 19, 1946.

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By memorandum dated February 28, 1942, BENJAMIN MANDELL, Director of Research of the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., described the Russian War Relief as a Communist controlled front organization.

The memo stated that the Russian War Relief was started at a rally held July 2, 1941, in New York City. This rally was sponsored by the American Council on Soviet Relations which was later changed to the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, which in turn was cited as subversive and Communistic by Attorney General TOM CLARK in letters to the Loyalty Review Board released December 24, 1947, and September 21, 1948.

JOSE ANTONIO ARZE

The February 19, 1945, issue of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist newspaper, contained an article which announced that JOSE ANTONIO ARZE, head of the Bolivian Left Revolutionary Party (PIR), was to deliver a series of eight weekly lectures on Latin America beginning on February 19, 1945.

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APPENDIX

AMTORG TRADING CORPORATION

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Amtorg Trading Corporation under the heading "American-Russian Trading Corporation":

"American-Russian Trading Corp.

- "1. Cited as a Soviet Government agency in the United States.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Annual Report, H.R. 1476, January 3, 1940, p. 8.)
- "2. 'With the founding of Amtorg, the Soviet Union had for the first time a legitimate cover for its espionage activities in the United States.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1229 on The Shameful Years, January 8, 1952, originally released December 30, 1951, p. 6.)"

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WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will identify HARRY CONOVER, former employee of OCIAA. (WFO file 77-1347 refers to HARRY CONOVER, Departmental Applicant. WFO report of SA CHARLES A. MAY, dated 2/18/54, entitled, "VICTOR PERLO; ESP-R", WFO file 100-20524, reported an interview of one HARRY CONOVER who was employed at the American Embassy in Paris, France, as of July 2, 1953).

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will identify subscribers to phone numbers called from subject's room at Hotel Olcott as furnished by EUGENE FISHBEIN, manager.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN H. WAGNER, 3/14/56, NY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/19/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/3,6,10,11,12/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEDY	TYPED BY alw
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject continues to reside at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York. MARION DAVIS BERDECIO interviewed 5/31/57, and stated JUDITH COPLON was a friend from college days, but that she had not corresponded with COPLON since COPLON's arrest.

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DETAILS:

On July 10, 1957, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA ROBERT S. KENNEDY that JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV continues to reside in Apartment 12-D, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York. KLINGER said he had learned nothing of any summer vacation plans of the subject and her family but stated that the tenants usually advised him when they were going on vacation so he could shut off their utilities.

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He said that in the event they do advise him of vacation plans, he would attempt to determine their destination.

On May 31, 1957, MARION DAVIS BERDECIO of Mexico City, Mexico, was interviewed by SAs THOMAS J. BARRY and FRANCIS W. ZANGLE of the New York Office. BERDECIO advised that she met JUDITH COPLON in her sophomore year at Barnard College, New York City. She described her friendship with COPLON as merely a casual one.

BERDECIO said she went to Mexico in December, 1943, where she was employed as a messenger in the Office of Naval Intelligence at the American Embassy in Mexico City. In July, 1944, she returned to the United States and was going to look for a job which would require more of her talents than the messenger job did in Mexico. She said she was qualified as an economist.

Shortly after her return to New York in the summer of 1944, JUDITH COPLON called her on the phone and asked her what her plans were. She said she did not know how COPLON knew she was back in New York but presumed that COPLON had heard this information from one of their fellow alumnae from Barnard College. She told COPLON that she was looking for a job, and COPLON suggested to her that she file an application with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs (OCIAA).

COPLON told her that HARRY CONOVER, a former employee in COPLON's branch of the Justice Department had recently transferred to OCIAA. COPLON suggested that CONOVER might be able to assist BERDECIO in obtaining placement in OCIAA. BERDECIO said she obtained the job at OCIAA as COPLON suggested and was stationed in Washington, D. C.

She said she saw very little of COPLON in Washington or at any time thereafter. She said she was surprised to read that COPLON was arrested and that she had not corresponded with COPLON at any time since.

BERDECIO said that she did not know if COPLON was ever a Communist and she denied that she herself was ever a Communist and stated that she was not now a Communist.

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T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised in the spring of 1953 that BERDECIO considered JUDITH COPLON to be one of her closest friends, with whom she continues to correspond. BERDECIO had invited COPLON to visit her during the summer of 1953 and COPLON accepted the invitation. However, on July 7, 1953, informant advised that COPLON informed BERDECIO that she would not be able to visit her that summer inasmuch as the Federal Bureau of Investigation was keeping a close track on her.

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New York, New York
July 19, 1957

Re: Judith Coplon, with aliases

Informants used in the report of Special Agent Robert J. Kennemur dated and captioned as above have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

7/19/57

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated and captioned as above. One copy of this report is also being submitted to Washington Field for information purposes. Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a blank memo reflected reliability of the informant used in this report. One copy of this blank memo is also being furnished to WFO.

This report is being classified confidential due to the information contained in it which was received from confidential informants.

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One copy of this report is being furnished to WFO due to their interest in this matter.

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NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will remain in contact with KENNETH KLINGER
for information regarding subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JAMES C. BROWN, dated 5/13/57,
at New York.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

DATE: July 31, 1957

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (65-3933)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Reference New York letter to Newark dated June 11, 1957.

On June 21, 1957, [redacted] advised Investigative Clerk FREDERICK J. GOEDTEL that New Jersey telephone number Market 2-3407 is currently listed to "The Little Gallery", 95 Rome Street, Newark, New Jersey. This phone, connected on August 28, 1950 is listed to DAVID I. MILLSTEIN.

Newark files disclose that DAVID ISRAEL MILSTEIN, wa. David Millstein is subject of Newark file 100-25091. Security Index Card for MILSTEIN was cancelled during May 1955 for lack of known subversive activity. On September 10, 1952, MILSTEIN refused to discuss his activities with Bureau Agents.

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Newark files disclose that former [redacted] advised SAS A. B. VAN BERGEN and B. E. PRIMM on June 21, 1945 that DAVID MILSTEIN was recruited into the CP in 1938. The data concerning MILSTEIN's recruitment into the Party is located in Newark file 100-25091-26.

The above informant advised SAS F. M. RAISBECK, C. L. SMITH and W. H. ROCKETT on February 28, 1946 that DAVE MILSTEIN was on February 28, 1946 a registered member of the Clinton Hill Club #2 of the CP in Newark, New Jersey. This data is located in Newark file 100-25091-29.

[redacted] (protect by T-symbol in report per his request) advised on October 9, 1951 that he [redacted] of the CP in Newark, New Jersey and that DAVID MILSTEIN, Newark, New Jersey was known to him as a CP member. This information was furnished to SA E. G. BURKE on October 9, 1951 and is located in Newark file 100-25091-47.

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It is noted that "The Little Gallery" is also known as "The Country Workshop" a concern manufacturing unfinished furniture at 95 Rome Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Newark files contain no information identifiable with "The Little Gallery" or "The Country Workshop". RUC

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58515)

8/15/57

SAC, WFO (65-5190)

MARION DAVIS BERDEGIO, was.
ESPIONAGE - R
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New York report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated 6/24/57 at New York, captioned as above, reflects the results of an interview with the subject on 5/31/57 in New York City.

During the course of this interview, the subject said that after she left college, she went to Mexico in December of 1943 where she was employed as a messenger in the U. S. Office of Naval Intelligence at the American Embassy in Mexico City.

Shortly after her return to New York in July, 1944, JUDITH COPLON called her on the phone and learned that the subject was looking for a job. COPLON at that time suggested to her that she file an application with the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, (OCIAA). COPLON told her that one HARRY CONOVER, a former employee in COPLON's branch of the Justice Dept., had at that time recently transferred to OCIAA, and suggested that CONOVER might be able to assist the subject in obtaining placement with OCIAA. The subject obtained the job at OCIAA as COPLON had suggested and was stationed in Washington, D. C.

The New York report mentioned above, set forth a lead for WFO to identify HARRY CONOVER, former employee of OCIAA.

3-Bureau

(1-121-HARRY CONOVER)

3-New York (65-14984) (RM) (Encls. 2)

(1-65-14932) (COPLON)

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(1-121-9285) (CONOVER)

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CONOVER is apparently identical with State Dept. Foreign Service Officer HARRY CONOVER. Personnel files of the State Dept. checked on 8/14/57 reflect that HARRY CONOVER is presently on departmental assignment in charge of Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Organizations, (EO), Office of International Economic and Social Affairs, (OES). CONOVER's personnel file reflects he was previously employed by Justice, transferring from there on 8/14/44 to OCIAA, and then to Foreign Service, State Dept., on 2/25/45.

For the information of the New York Office, there are enclosed photostats of the following:

1. Report of SA ROBERT H. PAUL dated 2/25/48 at Washington, D. C., captioned: "HARRY CONOVER, Aka, Edward Henry Conover, Foreign Service Officer, Department of State, Oslo, Norway".
2. Report of SA RALPH M. LINDSKY dated 2/28/48 at San Francisco captioned as above.

The above reports set forth complete identifying information concerning CONOVER.

An extra copy of this letter is being furnished to the Bureau for the attention of the Loyalty Section for their consideration concerning CONOVER. RUC.

SAC, WFO (65-5190)

August 29, 1957

Director, FBI (65-58515)

MARION DAVIS BERNDEJO, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your letter dated 8-15-57
and New York report dated 6-24-57.

If on the basis of a review of your indices
no reason exists for not interviewing Harry Conover, you
are hereby authorized to interview Conover. You should
obtain from Conover all details concerning his relation-
ship with Judith Coplon and his knowledge of her activities.
You should further ascertain all the circumstances regarding
his introduction to the captioned subject and his knowledge
of her activities both prior and subsequent to her employment
with the Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs
(OCIAA).

It is suggested that you assign this interview
to two agents experienced in security matters who are
familiar with the details of the Coplon case and instant
case.

2-WFO (121-9285) (Harry Conover)
(65-5128) (Judith Coplon)

3-New York (65-14984)
(121-6132) (Conover)
(65-14932) (Coplon)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/20/57	Investigative Period 9/9, 11, 12/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		Report made by WILLIAM J. BLISS	Typed By ML
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to live at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, and reportedly leading routine life as housewife. Informant advised phone call made on 3/20/57 from subject's phone to Newark, New Jersey, Market 2-5407. This number listed to DAVID I. MILSTEIN, who reportedly joined CP 1938.

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DETAILS

On September 9, 1957, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN D. BLISS that the subject still resides in apartment 12D, 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, with her husband. He said she leads a routine life as a housewife, and he has observed no unusual activities on her part. KLINGER stated that

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the subject and her husband drive a 1951 faded gray Nash Station Wagon which is usually parked in the lot beside their apartment building.

On May 21, 1957, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Agent, New York Telephone Company, New York City, advised that on March 25, 1957, a telephone call was made from the unlisted telephone of the subject and her husband (ULster 5-6817) to Newark, New Jersey, (Market 2-3407).

On June 21, 1957, T-1 advised that Market 2-3407 in Newark, New Jersey, is currently listed to "The Little Gallery", 95 Rome Street, Newark. This phone is listed to DAVID I. MILLSTEIN.

On June 21, 1945, T-2 advised that DAVID MILSTEIN, wa. David Millstein was recruited into the Communist Party (CP) in 1938 and on February 28, 1946, T-2 stated that MILSTEIN was as of that date a regular member of the Clinton Hill Club number 2 of the CP, New rk, New Jersey.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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New York, New York
September 20, 1957

Re: Judith Coplon, with aliases

Informants used in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Bliss, dated and captioned as above, at New York, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

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JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of the report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, at NY. One copy of this report is being submitted to Washington Field for information purposes. Also enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a blank memorandum reflecting the reliability of the informants used in this report. One copy of this blank memorandum is being furnished to the Washington Field Office.

This report is being classified confidential due to information contained in it, which was received from confidential informants, disclosure of which might result in exposure of the informants.

INFORMANTS

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<i>M-1</i> [redacted]				65-14932- 1228
<i>T-2</i> [redacted]	DAVID MILSTEIN recruited into CP 1938	6/21/45		65-14932- 1228
	DAVID MILSTEIN in Clinton Hill Club CP 1946	2/28/46		65-14932- 1228

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WASHINGTON FIELD-(INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is being furnished to Washington Field due to their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will remain in contact with KENNETH KLINGER for information regarding the subject's activities.

REFERENCES Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, 7/19/57, New York.
Newark letter to New York, 7/31/57.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin BUREAU	Date 10/1/57	Investigative Period 9/23/57
TITLE OF CASE MARION DAVIS BERDECIO, was.		Report made by THOMAS A. MENDENHALL	Typed By mei
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

HARRY CONOVER in interview on 9/23/57, advised he did not know subject and was unable to recognize photograph of her. CONOVER stated he recalled JUDITH COPLON as a former employee in the Economic Warfare Section, United States Department of Justice, in New York City. He stated he did not know COPLON socially and at the time he knew her, he had no reason to believe she was in any way connected with communism or to have been unusually pro-Russian.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On September 23, 1957, HARRY CONOVER (EDWARD HENRY CONOVER), in charge of Economic Affairs, Bureau of Internal Organizations, Office of Internal Economic and Social Affairs, Department of State, Room 2228, Arlington Towers Building, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed by SAs ROBERT C. BYRNES and THOMAS A MENDENHALL.

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CONOVER advised that he did not recall MARION DAVIS BERDECIO and he was unable to recognize a photograph of her. He stated that he was employed at the Office of Co-ordination of Inter-American Affairs (Co-ordinator's Office) from August, 1944, to February, 1945. He stated that during the approximate six months he was employed in the Co-ordinator's Office, he did not recall JUDITH COPLON having referred anyone to him in connection with employment there.

Concerning JUDITH COPLON, CONOVER advised that he recalled her as an employee of the Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice, in New York City. He stated that he was employed in this same section, but was stationed in Washington, D. C. He said that during the course of a year, he visited New York on business three or four times and that during his visits to the Economic Warfare Section there, he became acquainted with COPLON. CONOVER further stated that in the Spring of 1944, COPLON came to Washington, D. C., on temporary assignment and for a time shared an office with NORMAN BURSNER, during which time, she and BURSNER were writing a paper on the steel industry.

CONOVER advised that he had no social contact with COPLON and spoke scarcely ten words to her in his life. He said that he had not seen or heard from her since he left the Justice Department. He stated that at the time he knew COPLON, he had no reason to believe her to be in any way connected with communism or to have been unusually pro-Russian. He stated that at the time of the newspaper publicity concerning COPLON's arrest on espionage charges in 1949, he searched his recollection in an attempt to reappraise his knowledge of her, but that the only thing that came to his mind was that she, along with ROBERT SANFORTH, JAMES E. MARTIN, and NORMAN BURSNER, subscribed to the theory that large United States business firms were responsible for the rise of ADOLPH HITLER to power in Germany, and had assisted Germany in the hope he would some day attack Russia.

CONOVER stated that he did not agree with this thesis and his disagreement was one of the reasons he decided to leave the Justice Department in mid 1944. In this connection, CONOVER stated that WOHLFORTH, MARTIN, and BURSLEER, in 1944, increasingly pointed the work of the Economic Warfare Section toward post-war planning and the "smearing" of American enterprise, for which he did not think the section was qualified. He stated that at the time, he was of the opinion that the section should have concerned itself with trying to win the war by assisting in the selection of bombing targets in Germany and Japan and should have waited until the war was won before taking up the problem of reconstruction. CONOVER indicated that he was particularly surprised at JAMES MARTIN's attitude in this regard. He mentioned that MARTIN had graduated from Saint John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, at which time, he was not much interested in contemporary events. He stated, however, that after MARTIN's employment by the Department of Justice, he wholeheartedly supported the thesis described above going along with WOHLFORTH and BURSLEER in this regard. CONOVER added that he was rather astonished to read in the "New York Times" newspaper in May, 1946, that MARTIN had at that time shared the speaker's platform with the Soviet representative to the United Nations at the meeting, which he believed to be sponsored by the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58515)

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SAC, WFO (65-5190)

MARION DAVIS BERDECIO, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

There are enclosed herewith five copies to the Bureau, two to New York, one to Los Angeles, and one to San Francisco, of the report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL dated 10/1/57, at Washington, D. C., in the above-captioned matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This report contains no information warranting classification.

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LOS ANGELES and SAN FRANCISCO DIVISIONS (INFORMATION)

Copies of this report are being furnished to the above offices for information, in accordance with previous Bureau instructions.

REFERENCE: Report of SA FRANCIS W. ZANGLE dated 6/24/57, at New York.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/27/57	Investigative Period 11/13,14/57
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: pav
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE, - R	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY. HARRY CONOVER, in interview 9/23/57, advised he recalled COPLON as a former employee, Economic Warfare Section, U.S. Department of Justice, NYC. CONOVER stated he did not know COPLON socially, and, at the time he knew her, he had no reason to believe she was in any way connected with Communism or was unusually pro-Russian.

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DETAILS:

On November 113, 1957, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject continues

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to reside in Apartment 12D at this address. He stated that he sees little activity of any sort on the part of the subject and said that there has been nothing concerning her actions which could be regarded as unusual as far as he can observe.

On September 23, 1957, HARRY CONOVER (EDWARD HENRY CONOVER), in charge of Economic Affairs, Bureau of Internal Organizations, Office of Internal Economic and Social Affairs, Department of State, Arlington Towers Building, Arlington, Virginia, was interviewed by SAS ROBERT C. BYRNES and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL. Concerning JUDITH COPLON, CONOVER advised that he recalled her as an employee of the Economic Warfare Section, Department of Justice, in New York City. He stated that he was employed in this same section, but was stationed in Washington, D.C. He said that during the course of a year, he visited New York on business three or four times and that during his visits to the Economic Warfare Section there, he became acquainted with COPLON. CONOVER further stated that in the Spring of 1944, COPLON came to Washington, D.C., on temporary assignment and for a time shared an office with NORMAN BURSLEER, during which time she and BURSLEER were writing a paper on the steel industry.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies of the report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above at NY. One copy of the report is being designated to WFO for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (Information)

One copy of this report is being furnished to WFO because of their interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will remain in contact with KENNETH KLINGER for information regarding the subject's activities.

REFERENCES: WFO report of SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, 10/1/57, in case entitled, "MARION DAVIS BERDECIO, was., ES-R", Bufile 65-58585.

NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 9/20/57.

2 - Bureau (65-58365) (Encs. 5) (RM)
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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

Office File

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SI UNIT

DATE 11/29/57

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn N.Y.
 Employment: Housewife
 Address: 125 Ashland Pl.

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: 125 Ashland Pl., Brooklyn N.Y. Apt 12-D
 Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source: Kenneth Klinger, supt. 115-125 Ashland Pl. Bklyn
 Date: 11-13-57
 Verified by SA: Norman E. Bliss

Employment: Housewife

Address:
 Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date Checked: Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Kenneth Klinger (see above)
 Date: 11-13-57
 Verified by SA: Norman E. Bliss

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials h e B

Date 11-27-57

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 3 #6

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

DATE: 12/10/57

FROM : SA CHARLES TRAVELSTAD

SUBJECT: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, was.
IS-R;
ISA of 1950

Source

NY 1537-S*

Reliability

Who has furnished reliable
info in the past

Date of Activity

11/20/57

Date Received

11/20/57

1- New York (100-59634)	(EDNA COLEMAN)	(12-14)
1- New York (100-51955)	(SAM COLEMAN)	(12-14)
1- New York (100-57639)	(LOUISE BERMAN)	(12-14)
1- New York (100-61206)	(HOWARD EAST)	(12-16)
1- New York (100-104803)	(AL SOCOLOV)	(12-16)
1- New York (65-14932)	(JUDY COPLON)	(6)
1- New York (100-52313)	(VICKIE LAWRENCE)	(12-16)
1- New York (100-34464)	(JOSH LAWRENCE)	(12-16)
1- New York (100-106617)	(MARTIN LIEFLANDER)	(12-11)
1- New York (100-66246)	(LILLIAN LIEFLANDER)	(12-11)
1- New York (100-91946)	(ED WALTERSTEIN)	(12-16)
1- New York (100-84135)	(FLO WALTERSTEIN)	(12-16)
1- New York (100-71160)	(MAURICE PAUL)	(12-14)
1- New York (100-69752)	(ETHEL HEBURN)	(12-14)
1- New York (100-3620)	(ACPPB)	(7-2)
1- New York (100-78633)		

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EDNA COLEMAN discussed with NEEDLEMAN various CP matters as follows:

NEEDLEMAN asked, "Are you folks out?(of the CP). I don't know whether you...I don't know...Do you still attend meetings?" EDNA replied, " I think within the last couple of weeks I made a move to be registered." With regard to dissension in the CP, NEEDLEMAN said, "I'm satisfied that the Party has just no reason for existence so long as they have these two contending, three contending groups." NEEDLEMAN mentioned that HOWARD FAST is starting to name names and that LOUISE BERMAN is one of the individuals referred to indirectly by FAST. NEEDLEMAN asked about EDNA's husband, SAM, and EDNA revealed that he had gotten back three-fourths of his bail. EDNA mentioned the possibility of initiating further action in SAM's case. NEEDLEMAN, however, thought it too soon after the decision to do anything and observed that they could move after a year to dismiss the indictment. NEEDLEMAN related that he had spoken to SOCOLOV, (AL SOCOLOV), about the outstanding indictment against JUDY COPLON. According to NEEDLEMAN, SOCOLOV said, "We talked to so many lawyers. Most of them are of the opinion let sleeping ghosts lie".

In discussing VICKIE, (probably VICKIE LAWRENCE), EDNA said VICKIE had been a very close friend of hers but that they were not speaking due to a political disagreement over JOHN GATES. NEEDLEMAN said MARTY LIFFLANDER must agree with "them", (LAURENCES), as the LAURENCES and LIFFLANDERS had recently visited with the WALLERSTEINS.

EDNA told NEEDLEMAN that she is currently studying human relations and is working on organizing a neighborhood council as part of a course she is studying. She said the project is being sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews, (inaudible), New York University.

MAURICE PAUL, aka MORRIS KURTZ, who was referred to NEEDLEMAN by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, consulted the latter about his forthcoming INS hearing on 11/26/57. In response to NEEDLEMAN's questions, PAUL revealed that he had been a member of the

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IWO until it was dissolved and had marched in the May Day Parade. With regard to CP membership, NEEDLEMAN asked, "Ever a Communist Party member?" PAUL replied, "I should tell you that?" NEEDLEMAN retorted, "All right, don't tell me. If you asked the question, then I don't want you to tell me. When we go up there, (INS), you are going to invoke the Fifth Amendment on all questions other than your name and address". NEEDLEMAN cautioned PAUL that to do otherwise would subject him to the risk of deportation.

Concerning his activities, PAUL revealed the following: He entered the U.S. in 1922 and is from the Ukraine. He has not had an employer since the beginning of 1953. He was separated from his first wife in 1938 and was divorced in August, 1956. His first wife is in Minneapolis. Since his separation, he has been living with another woman and has a daughter, LISA, almost 20 years old. PAUL mentioned the name ETHEL HEPBURN who informant thought could be either his first or second wife. He has a friend, MARY LESEUR (ph), who he has known since the 1920's and who used to stay at his place while visiting in NYC. PAUL said "they (FBI?) followed her every step of the way". PAUL said the FBI followed him for some time and thought it due to his trade union activities. In the late 20's he became an organizer in the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and worked with them until 1938. In 1940, he withdrew altogether from the union. PAUL claimed the FBI followed him in Chicago and contacted him in 1943 "on the job" in Florida to ask whether he was ever in France or had connections with French people. PAUL said he was asked if he had ever been a CP member and that he had claimed there was possibly a mix-up on his name and that he was being confused with someone else. PAUL said he used the name MORRIS KURTZ when he came to the U.S. but had not changed his name legally. He claimed, however, to have notified the Alien Enemy Registration Board. PAUL claimed to have been approached, (by the FBI?), 2 or 3 times since 1943, most recently during last May or June, but said he had not talked to "them". PAUL specifically recalled that the FBI had talked to Dr. FRANK in Florida which was where he stayed.

NEEDLEMAN assured PAUL he would meet the latter at 70 Columbus Avenue (INS) at 9:30 a.m., 11/26/57. PAUL gave NEEDLEMAN his telephone number as AL5-0965. NEEDLEMAN asked if there were any "stool pigeons" that could identify him and PAUL said he did not think there were.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

12/18/57

SAC, WFO (65-5128)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESP - R
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Bulet dated 12/9/57 requested the WFO to identify COPLON's dressmaker so that indices on her could be searched, and the significance of her contact with COPLON established.

WFO report dated 3/8/49 in the COPLON case pp. 16, 19 and 48, reflects COPLON in contact in early 1949 with one PERRY MAE BARNES, (aka Perry Mae Lillie), a colored dressmaker residing at 501 23rd Street, N. W. A review of WFO files also reflects that [redacted] advised that on two occasions in February, 1949, COPLON referred to her dressmaker as PERRY MAE LILLIE (LILLY). b7D

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency Inc., Washington, D. C., checked on 12/16/57 by SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, contained a report dated 2/26/52 concerning PERRY MAE LILLY, (Terry Mae Lilly), 1861 Monroe Street, N. W. Her husband was listed as ELBERT LILLY. An inquiry from one of Stone's customers on 4/10/57 reflected that ELBERT was at that time employed as a driver for Safeway Stores. A former address of ELBERT and PERRY MAE LILLY was listed as 501 23rd Street, N.W. Stone's also contained a record dated 7/22/44 concerning PERRY MAE YOUNG, 501 23rd Street, N. W., which reflected she was suing ISOM YOUNG of that address for a limited divorce.

WFO indices contain no information concerning ISOM YOUNG, PERRY MAE YOUNG and ELBERT LILLY. RUC.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date JAN 28 1958	Investigative Period 1/16,17/58
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jar
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

Subject still resides 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, and reportedly spends most of her time at her apartment. Subject's husband in contact with ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, November, 1957.

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DETAILS:

On January 17, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject seldom leaves her apartment at 125 Ashland Place. He noted that when she does leave the immediate area, it is usually with her children and often appears to be for shopping purposes. KLINGER advised that he will notify the New York Office if the subject indicates she is going to move from her present address or in the event of any

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unusual development concerning her.

In November, 1957, T-1 advised that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN stated he had been in contact with the subject's husband, "AL" SOCOLOV. According to NEEDLEMAN, he and AL discussed the outstanding indictment against JUDITH COPLON. SOCOLOV said, "We talked to so many lawyers. Most of them are of the opinion let sleeping ghosts lie."

T-2 advised in 1953, that NEEDLEMAN, an attorney at 165 Broadway, New York City, is a suspected Soviet espionage agent. The informant further advised that NEEDLEMAN formerly had been attorney for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States.

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New York, New York

JAN 28 1958

Re: Judith Coplon
with aliases
Espionage - R

Informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Bliss, dated and captioned as above, have both furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

JAN 28 1958

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JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies of a report and five copies of a letterhead memorandum of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above at NY. One copy of the report is being designated to WFO for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

INFORMANTS

Identity of
Source

File Number
where
Located

T-1
is NY 1537-S*

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T-2
is NY 694-S*

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T symbols have been utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365) (Encl. 10) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-5128) (Encl. 2) (Info) (RM)
- ③ - New York (65-14932)

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Referenced report is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information obtained from T-1, which is a confidential Bureau technique.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER for information regarding subject's activities.

REFERENCE

NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 11/27/57.

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile:

Field Division

NEW YORK

Date

2-1-58

Title and Character of Case:

JUDITH COPLON
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired:

Source From Which Property Acquired:

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

T. S. MILLER

1. Red, French-type, leather wallet.
2. One pair of eye glasses with light blue frame, and glass case, on outside of which appears "Manhattan Optical Co., 191 Canal St., NYC."
3. Black Schaeffer's fountain pen.
4. Box of Pond's Angel Face Powder.
5. Black "Lido" comb.
6. Black perfume atomizer which is in a black cloth kit.
7. 2" x 3" mirror.
8. Pink optical cloth on which is printed "Manhattan Optical Company."
9. Emory board.
10. "Pink Orchid" lipstick.
11. Key ring with 9 keys.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-16235)

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SAC, NEW YORK (105-4445)

WILLIAM ALFRED REUBEN, was.
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Enclosed is a Photostat of a 268 page (pages 12 and 13 missing) untitled rough copy manuscript by WILLIAM REUBEN concerning the trial of the US vs. JUDITH COPLON, 4/25/49-6/30/49, at Wash., D.C.

The manuscript was made available to SA ROBERT J. BRATTON by E.L. JAMES ELSON, Manager, Claims Department, Universal Carloading and Distributing Co., 345 Hudson St., NYC. Information concerning circumstances of acquisition of manuscript is set out in detail in NY airtel, 12/19/57, captioned "UNSUB.; Espionage Agent who bought Jeep Station Wagon Or Truck And Who Was Known To 'Mara' Reimo Hayhanen's Superior", (BUfile 65-64539).

The manuscript discredits the FBI and Department of Justice regarding the COPLON investigation and trial, and supports the innocence of JUDITH COPLON. It is written as a quasi-documentary in that it sets forth trial proceedings chronologically and uses many direct quotes from key participants in trial.

Several pages (pages 72-76 and 110-113) contain vituperative comments concerning FBI personnel and policy. Names of Special Agents and Dep't of Justice personnel who testified during the trial are set out and their trial testimony and related activities criticized.

There is no information known to the NYO indicating that REUBEN has attempted to publish the manuscript or will attempt to publish it in the future.

Submitted for info.

- 4 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM)
- (1 - 65-58365) (JUDITH COPLON)
- ① - New York (65-14932) (JUDITH COPLON)
- 1 - New York (105-4445)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 3/24/58	Investigative Period 3/11/58
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: pam
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis: Subject continues residence at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, and occupies self as housewife.

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DETAILS:

On March 11, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that he has observed nothing which would indicate that the subject is performing any irregular activities other than the duties of a housewife. He stated that he continues to see her in the immediate area, usually with her children. He stated that the subject continues to occupy Apartment 12-D in the building at 125 Ashland Place.

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3/24/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of
SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

One copy of the report is being designated to WFO
for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent,
115-125 Ashland Place, for information concerning subject's
activities.

REFERENCE New York report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 1/28/58.

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365) (Encl. 5) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-5128) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3 - New York (65-14932)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

4/11/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau memo (Form 0-17) to New York, 3/28/58,
and New York letter, 3/24/58.

Referenced New York letter failed to set forth lead.
Two copies of an amended letter are being enclosed for the
Bureau, with lead properly set forth. One copy of the amended
letter is being sent to WFO.

The Bureau and WFO are requested to substitute the
enclosed letter for the referenced letter previously forwarded.
Substitution has been made at New York.

Form errors have been scored against responsible
personnel.

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-5128) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York (65-14932)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 5/28/58	Investigative Period 5/20/58
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, was.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jmd
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

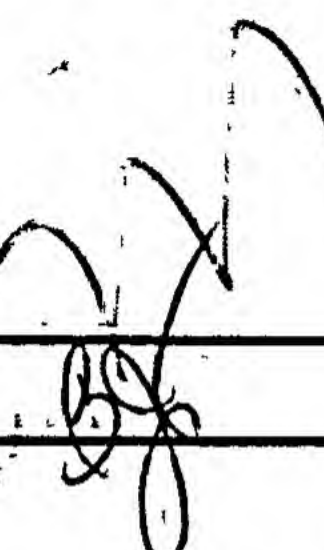
Synopsis: Subject still residing 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, with her husband and children. Reportedly spends her time as housewife.

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DETAILS:

On May 20, 1958, SA NORMAN E. BLISS was advised by KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, that the subject still resides in Apartment 12-D in the building at 125 Ashland Place with her husband and children. He stated that there is nothing unusual appearing about her activities as far as he can observe, and she appears occupied only with her duties as a housewife.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, was.
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Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above, at NY. One copy of the report is designated to WFO for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

REFERENCE

New York report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 3/24/58.

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LEAD


NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, New York

Will maintain contact with KENILTH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, for information concerning activities of the subject.

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365)(Encl. 5)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-5128)(Encl. 1)(RM)
- 3 - New York (65-14932)

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☐ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
8. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) the possibility of a retrial still exists in her case. Further, there has been nothing to indicate that she would cooperate in the event of reinterview or show any change of attitude from that she has shown in the past.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) the subject's activities in Soviet espionage in the past indicate that she would be capable of taking part in activities against the interests of this country in the event of a national emergency.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

NOTED

MEMORANDUM RE:

JUDITH SOCOLOV

SI UNIT

Office File

65-14932

DATE

5/22/58
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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No

Detcom

☒ Yes☐ NoSecurity Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Photo

☒ Yes☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: 125 ASHLAND PL., Bklyn., N.Y.

Method of Verification: Interview of Building Supt.

Neighborhood Source: Kenneth KLINER

Date: 5-20-58

Verified by SA: NORMAN E. BLISS

Employment: Housewife

Address: 125 ASHLAND PL. Bklyn.

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Kenneth KLINER (see above)

Date: 5-20-58

Verified by SA: NORMAN E. BLISS

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials: H-C B-

Date: 5-21-58

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SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH CAPLON, was.
LSP-R

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letter-head memorandum setting forth information concerning three checks drawn by the subject's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, for one LIO. LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS, who cashed them at Juarez, Mexico.

It has also been determined that SOCOLOV, on June 16, 1958, wrote a check for "All World Travel", a New York City travel agency, for \$217.76 which is approximately the fare for a round trip from New York City to El Paso, Texas, which adjoins Juarez, Mexico. The information concerning SOCOLOV's checks was obtained 6/30/58, from R. J. O'NEILLY, Manager, First National City Bank of New York, City Hall Branch, 257 Broadway, New York, New York, (protect).

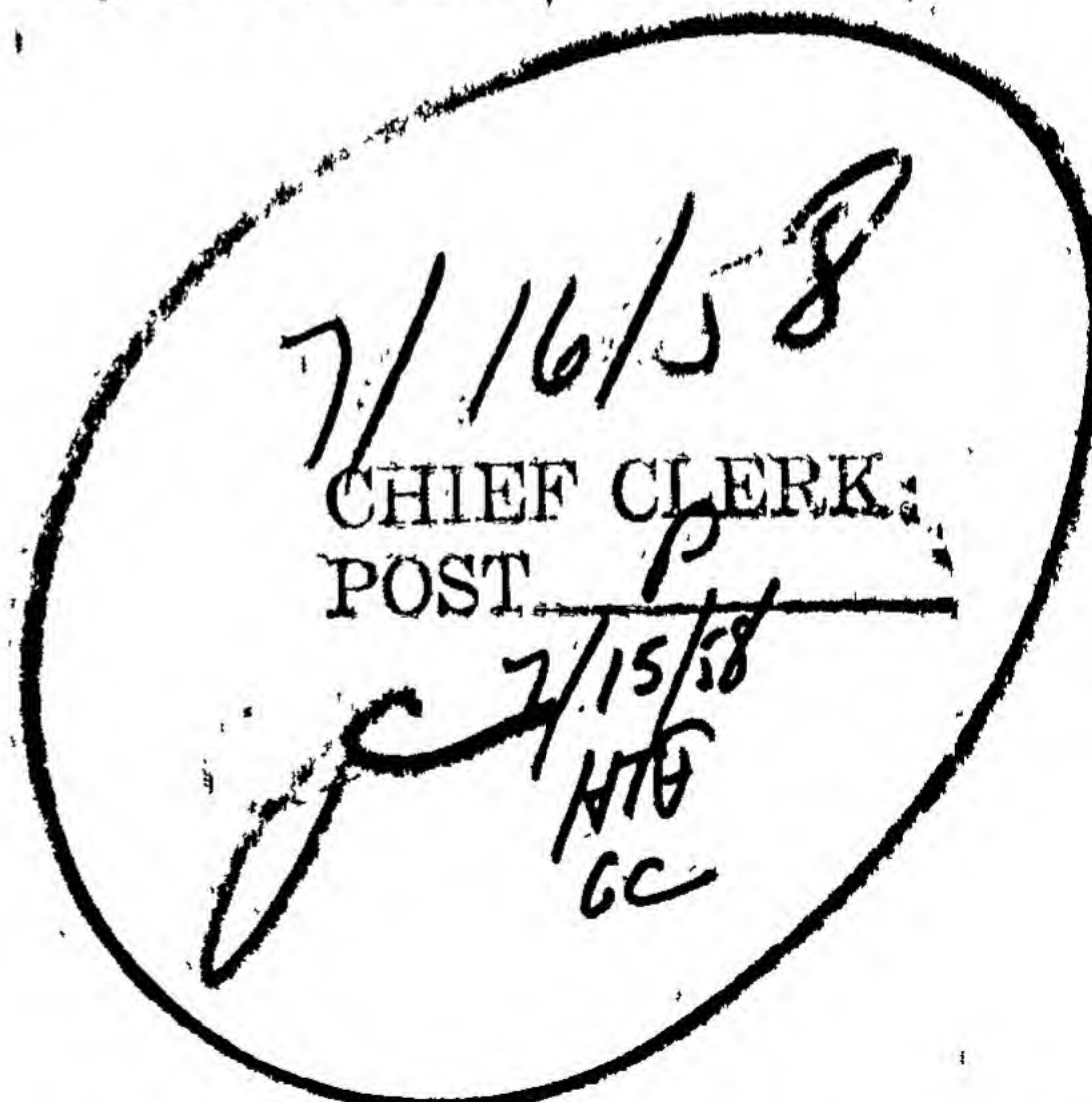
From the above facts it appears likely that SOCOLOV is merely procuring a divorce for a New York client and RAMOS is handling the details at Juarez.

New York does not plan to approach "All World Travel" in this matter inasmuch as that firm was the subject of a brief IS-PO investigation in 1955, and ALEXANDER SPIRO, owner of "All World" was the subject of an IS-R case (Bufile 40-10473).

It is requested that the Bureau have the Legat, Mexico City, through available sources, discreetly identify LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS.

FORM 0-1
Date Received 7-18-58
Date Returned 7-25-58
Report By 8-10-58

2-Bureau (65-58365) (Encls. 5) (RM)
3-New York (65-14932)
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65-14932-1254

New York, New York
July 8 , 1958

Re: JUDITH COPLON, with aliases

The subject's husband, ALBERT H. SOCCLOV, an attorney, maintains a checking account at the First National City Bank of New York, 257 Broadway, New York City. It has been determined that he wrote checks to one LIC. (attorney) LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS on May 29, 1958, June 6, and June 16, 1958. These checks were in the amounts of \$100., \$75., and \$80., respectively.

The May 29 and June 16 checks were cashed by RAMOS at the Bank Comercial Mexicano, Juarez, Ch., Mexico, on June 2 and June 20 respectively. The remittance numbers placed on these checks at Juarez were 419918 and 416707.

The June 6 check was not cashed by RAMOS but was apparently sent by him to one MINNA ROTHENBERG, Brooklyn, New York, who cashed it.

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1-New York (65-14932)
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Reporting Office	Office of Origin	Date	Investigative Period
		6/30/58	6/30; 7/15, 22/58
TITLE OF CASE - JUDITH COPLON, wa.		Report made by	Typed By:
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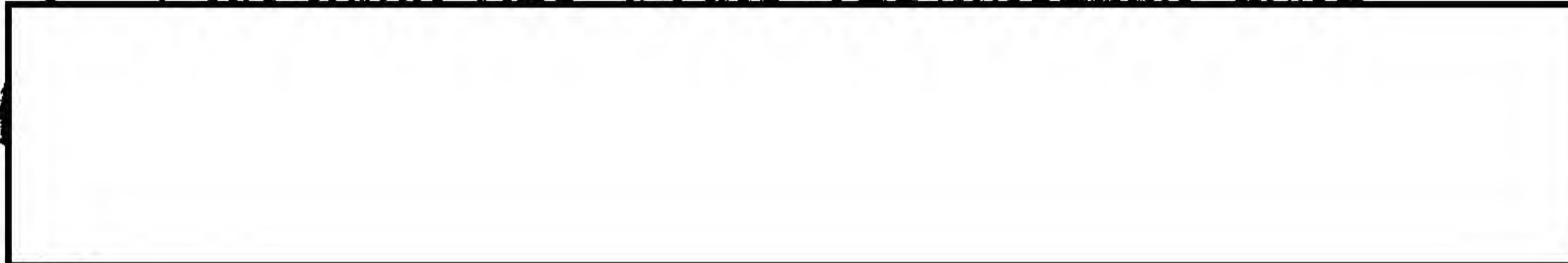
Synopsis:

Subject and husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV still residing 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY. Information re SOCOLOV's bank account set out.

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DETAILS:

On June 30, 1958, T-1 advised that



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It was noted by T-1 that [redacted]

It was further noted by T-1 that [redacted]

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This informant is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena.

The original documents from which this information was obtained are no longer in the possession of the informant, so that he cannot testify to the above.

On June 30, it was determined by SA NORMAN E. BLISE that the Aircoach round trip fare from New York, New York, to El Paso, Texas, (which adjoins Juarez, Mexico) costs \$207.76.

T-2 advised in May, 1955, that All World Travel, 356 5th Avenue, New York City, operates a travel agency selling airline, steamship and hotel reservations, with their volume of business evenly divided between domestic and overseas travel.

T-3 advised in 1948, that ALEXANDER SPIRO, owner of All World Travel, had praised JOSEPH STALIN in his presence. He further pointed out that it has come to his attention that since SPIRO came to the United States from Poland, he has become sympathetic to the present Polish Communist regime in Warsaw.

On July 16, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-25 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the subject and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, still reside at 125 Ashland Place. He stated that there has been no indication as to when the SOCOLOV's would take their vacation, if any, this summer.

New York, New York
August 7, 1958

Re: Judith Coplon, with alias
Espionage - R

T-1 and T-2, used in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Bliss, dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past. T-3 is an informant with whom there has not been sufficient contact to establish reliability, but who was in a position to furnish information concerning Alexander Spiro.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

8/7/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, wa.
ESP - R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a report and five copies of a letterhead memorandum of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above at New York. One copy of the report is designated to WFO for information purposes, because of their interest in this case.

REFERENCES

NY report by SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 5/28/58.
NY letter to Director, 7/8/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ReNYlet requests the Bureau to have LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS, mentioned in referenced NY report, identified through available sources of Legat, Mexico.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity Or Description Of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
T-1 is [redacted]	info	6/30/58	SA NORMAN E. BLISS	Instant report
[redacted]	ALBERT SOCOLOV			
b7D T-2 is [redacted]	Description of All World Travel			105-13153-5
T-3 is [redacted]	Information re ALEXANDER SPIRO	4/29/48	SA STANLEY J. GRABOWSKI	100-87661-26

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365) (Encls. 10) (RM)
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report, only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At Brooklyn, NY:

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, 115-125 Ashland Place, for information concerning activities of the subject.

BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile:

65-58365

Field Division

NEW YORK

Date

8-1-58

Title and Character of Case:

JUDITH COPLON

Date Property Acquired:

3-4-49

Source From Which Property Acquired:

FOUND IN POSSESSION OF JUDITH
COPLON AT TIME OF SEARCH
INCIDENTAL TO ARREST
VAULT

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

SA T. SCOTT MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

Field File #:

cc: 65-14932 (14)
66-6649

65-14932-1258

Sign
JH

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 9/26/58	Investigative Period 9/19/58
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jmk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R	

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV.

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DETAILS:

On September 19, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject continues to live with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, and children at 125 Ashland Place.

KLINGER says that he has seen no activities on the part of the subject which could be described as unusual in any way, and it is his opinion that she leaves the neighborhood rather infrequently.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

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JUDITH COPLON, wa.
ESPIONAGE-R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of the report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above. One copy of the report is designated to WFO for information purposes, because of their interest in this case.

REFERENCES

NY report by SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 8/7/58.
NY letter dated 7/8/58, to Bureau.

ADMINISTRATIVE

ReNYlet requested the Bureau to have LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS, who received three checks from the subject's husband, identified through available sources in Mexico.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, for information concerning subject's activities.

Will report any pertinent information which may be developed in Mexico concerning LUPERCIO GARZO RAMOS.

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3-New York (65-14932)

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65-14932-1260

Date: September 11, 1958
To: Director, FBI (65-58365)
From: Legat, Mexico (65-456)
Subject: JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated 7/8/58 which enclosed a copy of a letterhead memorandum of the same date.

Relet requested that the Bureau have the Legat, Mexico City, through available sources, discreetly identify LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS.

On 8/31/58 [] advised that the files of the Passport Division of the Mexican Foreign Office contained no record of LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS. Likewise, MEX-118 advised that no record on GARZA RAMOS could be located through the files of the Federal Judicial Police and the Judicial Police of the Federal District and Territories, as well as the Metropolitan Police of the Federal District.

[] advised that he endeavored to obtain data concerning Attorney LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS at the offices of the Mexican Bar Association, located at Calle Madero 29, Office 301, Mexico, D. F., as well as at the offices of the National Association of Lawyers, located in Mexico City, but at both places he was advised that it was strictly forbidden to furnish data on their members. As a result, it could not be determined whether or not GARZA RAMOS is a member of these two lawyers' associations.

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On 9/2/58 [] advised that Lic. LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS has been handling legal matters and real estate transactions in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, since the time of Governor ALFREDO CHAVEZ. His title of attorney was obtained through the Governor. He has never taken a bar examination and has practically no legal background from academic studies.

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9/20/58

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GARZA RAMOS is a very astute individual. He obtained certain lands in Ciudad Juarez, now known as Fraccionamiento Garza Ramos. No one can explain how he came into possession of these lands. He has obtained other lands and properties, the titles to which are not clear, and he has put them in the names of his wife and children. His brother acts as a collector for him and a front man in many deals. GARZA RAMOS is a member of the Union de Profesionistas and the Confederacion de Organizaciones Populares in Ciudad Juarez. He considers himself as having a taste for poetry.

On 9/4/58 former [] advised that he has known Lic. LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS since 1932. He is originally from the State of Coahuila. At that time he was a minor employee of the Chihuahua state government, working in Praxedes Guerrero, Municipality of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. Later, he was named Assistant District Attorney in Guadalupe in the same municipality.

GARZA RAMOS received the title of attorney from the state government without previous studies or education. Years later he became a notary, which title he still holds. As an attorney he is bad; as a notary, he is unscrupulous. GARZA RAMOS has been involved in difficulties because of considerable notarial acts and the suspicious acquisition of real estate. At the present time he has a considerable amount of capital which he allegedly acquired through real estate deals and the issuing of birth affidavits for people who did not have birth certificates. Numerous attorneys in Juarez and Chihuahua City have been quite outspoken about the complete lack of professional ethics on the part of GARZA RAMOS. It was learned that GARZA RAMOS was not admitted to the lawyers' association in Ciudad Juarez. As a result, he provoked a schism and formed another lawyers' association. Former [] stated that GARZA RAMOS is not to be recommended.

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In the event the Bureau and the New York Office desire additional information concerning Lic. LUPERCIO GARZA RAMOS, it is believed that the El Paso Division, which adjoins and covers activities in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, will be in a position to secure additional information.

MC 65-456

Additional copies of this letter have been prepared for transmittal to the New York Office (65-14932).

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9-29-58

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO: LEGAT, MEXICO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

JUDITH COPLON, WAS., ESPIONAGE - R. REURLET NINE ONE TWO
LAST. CAPTIONED [REDACTED] ADMINISTRATIVE.

RECONTACT [REDACTED] AND OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES
FOR VERIFICATION SUBJECT OBTAINING DIVORCE, CIUDAD JUAREZ.
HANDLE PROMPTLY. NEW YORK ADVISED BY MAIL.

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NOTE FOR SAC, NEW YORK: Relet advised informant [REDACTED]
had supplied information on Lic. Lupercio Garga Ramos, who
is the attorney for Judith Coplon in Ciudad, Juarez, where
she is obtaining a divorce. Initiate immediate investigation
to determine reliability of such information. Suairtel.

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Date: 10/3/58

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To: SAC, New York

✓ From: Director, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, was.
ESPIONAGE - R

Re Bureau cable 9/29/58 to Legat, Mexico, copies to NYO. Cable from Legat, Mexico, dated 10/1/58 reflected additional information from [redacted] to the effect that the divorce case in Ciudad, Juarez, pertains to A. J. Kaplan of New York City. It was reported that [redacted] obtained the information from an underworld contact who has limited access to the files of Lupercio Garza Ramos. Disregard lead to obtain information re subject's reported divorce.

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*Bliss advised
10-6-58
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A. E. Bliss

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DECODE OF CODED MESSAGE NUMBER 19 DATED OCTOBER 10, 1958 AT MEXICO CITY, MEXICO. RECEIVED VIA AIRGRAM

JUDITH COPLON, WAS, ESPIONAGE-R. REMYCABLE OCTOBER 1 LAST. SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., RECONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING INSTANT MATTER AND FURTHER ADVISED THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANY PROCEEDINGS OF DIVORCE NATURE INVOLVING J. KAPLAN OR PERSONS WITH SIMILAR NAMES WITH JUDGES OR CIVIL REGISTRIES CIUDAD JUAREZ OR CHIHUAHUA CITY, CHIHUAHUA. [REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED CREEDEN A CHECK OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES IN JUAREZ AND CHIHUAHUA CITY FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER LAST FAILED TO REFLECT THAT ANYONE BY THE NAME OF KAPLAN OR SIMILAR NAME HAD BEEN REGISTERED. CREEDEN CONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO WAS UNABLE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT PERSON BY NAME OF KAPLAN OR SIMILAR NAME HAD RECEIVED OR WAS APPLYING FOR DIVORCE IN JUAREZ. ARMANDINO PRUNEDA GONZALEZ, LAWYER, CHIHUAHUA CITY ADVISED LUPERICIO GARZA RAMOS, LAWYER CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA HAS A REPUTATION OF HANDLING SHADY DIVORCE CASES BY MAIL AND THERE IS AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOR IN JUAREZ THAT GARZA RAMOS HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH A JUDGE IN JUAREZ TO SIGN ALLEGED DIVORCE PAPERS EVEN THOUGH THESE PAPERS ARE NOT LEGAL. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED CREEDEN GARZA RAMOS IS NOT KNOWN AS BEING PCM MEMBER OR SYMPATHIZER. UACB THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER. RUC.

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JOHN N. SPEAKES

RECEIVED 65-14932 10-13-58

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/20/58	Investigative Period 10/3;11/17/58
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, wa.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: imm
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R.	

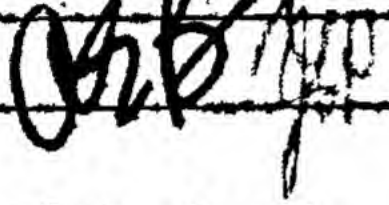
Synopsis:

Subject and husband still residing
at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY.

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DETAILS

On October 3, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, still reside in their apartment at 125 Ashland Place. KLINGER said that there has been nothing unusual about their activities as far as he has noted.

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KLINGER pointed out the parking lot adjacent to 125 Ashland Place where the SOCOLOVS keep their car, and it was noted that the car was parked there at the moment. It was a Nash Rambler, 1953, faded gray, New York License 29-943.

On November 17, 1958, KENNETH KLINGER advised that there has been no change in the status of the SOCOLOVS as tenants, or any activity on their part which would seem unusual.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

11/20/58

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, wa.
ESP-R

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated and captioned as above at New York. One copy of the report is designated to WFO for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

REFERENCE

NY report by SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 9/26/58.

ADMINISTRATIVE

When KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent of the subject's apartment house was interviewed on November 17, 1958, he was advised that the FBI would like to be advised concerning any unusual activity or any indication of intention to move on the part of the subject and her husband. He stated that he would notify the NYO promptly of any such development.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, for information concerning the subject's activities.

- 2-Bureau (65-58365) (Encls. 5) (RM)
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Ver. due 11/20/58

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: 125 Ashland Pl. Brooklyn, N.Y.
 Method of Verification: Interview Bldg. Supt. - Kenneth Klinck

Neighborhood Source: 11-17-58
 Date: 11-17-58
 Verified by SA: Norman E. Bliss

Employment: Housewife
 Address:
 Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date Checked:

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 SI UNIT
 DATE 12/10/58
 Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Kenneth Klinck (see above)
 Date: 11/17/58
 Verified by SA: N.E. Bliss

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

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Date 12-9-58

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ALBANY

DATE: 1/9/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107419)

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE
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The information contained herein is documented
as follows:

Source

Mrs. ALICE WIDENER,
829 Park Avenue, New York
21, New York (conceal-request)

Note: Mrs. WIDENER is publisher of the magazine
"U.S.A." described on its masthead as "An American
Magazine of Fact and Opinion." This magazine contains
a great deal of political comment of a very controversial
nature.

Reliability

Who was in a position to
furnish reliable information

Description of
Information Received

Information regarding
the ECLC sponsored celebration
of the 167th Anniversary of
the Bill of Rights (12/15/58,
Hotel New Yorker, NYC)

- 1-Albany (100-11341) (ROCKWELL KENT) (INFO) (RM)
1-Boston (100-) (HARVEY O'CONNOR) (INFO) (RM)
1-Los Angeles (100-) (DOROTHY MARSHALL) (INFO) (RM)
1-New York (62-11243) (ALICE WIDENER) (413)
1-New York (100-94930) (HUBERT T. DELANY) (425)
1-New York (100-68223) (LEONARD BOUDIN) (33)
1-New York (100-) (Father of LEONARD BOUDIN) (412)
1-New York (65-14932) (JUDY COPLON) (33)
1-New York (100-) (LOUIS BOUDIN) (33)
1-New York (100-) (FNU BOUDIN) (412)
1-New York (100-86782) (IRVING BEININ) (413)
1-New York (100-25780) (CORLISS LAMONT) (411)
1-New York (100-9521) (PALMER WEBER) (425)
1-New York (100-107419)

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W. Bliss

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Date Received	12/17/58
Received By	SA ALESIO SAVIOLA (oral-via telephone)
Location	Instant letter

Mrs. WIDENER attended the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) sponsored celebration of the 167th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights held 12/15/58, at the Hotel New Yorker, New York, New York. She was accompanied by EDITH KERMIT ROOSEVELT, the granddaughter of THEODORE ROOSEVELT, and Dr. AUGUSTIN VAZQUEZ NAVARRO of Mexico City, Mexico. Dr. NAVARRO is associated with the Institute for Economic and Social Research at Mexico City. Both he and Miss ROOSEVELT are completely anti-Communist. Miss ROOSEVELT attended this function as she is preparing an article for "U.S.A." in which she will undoubtedly mention the ECLC. Dr. VAZQUEZ NAVARRO attended at the invitation of Mrs. WIDENER inasmuch as she felt it would be advisable to have a male escort at this affair.

The speakers were Judge HUBERT T. DELANY, Mrs. DOROTHY MARSHALL and HARVEY O'CONNOR as listed on the invitation to the affair.

Mrs. WIDENER stated that it was announced that \$33,000 had been pledged by the audience to support the ECLC. It was announced that CORLISS LAMONT had contributed \$12,000. Judge DELANY contributed \$1,000. PALMER WEBER contributed \$1,000. ROCKWELL KENT, \$800. Mrs. WIDENER stated that she had contributed \$5.00 under the name of ALICE BERAZOWSKY.

Mrs. WIDENER added that she observed IRVING

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BEININ in attendance at this affair.

Mrs. WIDENER stated that an individual who identified himself as the father of LEONARD BOUDIN, sat at her table. He stated that his brother, LOUIS BOUDIN was a great radical and the author of a book called "The Class Struggle." His brother LOUIS was congratulated by LENIN for his work in writing the book. As a result LENIN invited LOUIS BOUDIN to be a professor of law at the University of Moscow. However, this was turned down by the author BOUDIN.

This individual (the father of ^{LEONARD} ~~LOUIS~~ BOUDIN) stated that a revolution was necessary in the US in order to bring about Socialism. However, he stated that conditions here were better-much better. This individual added that LEONARD BOUDIN was planning to go to Czechoslovakia during January, 1959, for some important work. He stated conditions in Czechoslovakia were good.

This individual (the father of LEONARD BOUDIN) added that his son had really made his reputation in the COPLON case. As a result, judges now treat LEONARD BOUDIN with great respect. He continued that his son visits JUDY COPLON occasionally and that he has advised COPLON to keep out of the public eye.

This individual (the father of LEONARD BOUDIN) commented that his other son had lost a \$10,000 a year job with an advertising agency because of Senator MC CARTHY. This son was given six month severance pay.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Albany, Boston and Los Angeles Offices inasmuch as the subjects, residing in their territories, are mentioned in the letter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 1/22/59	Investigative Period 12/27-1/14/59
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: imm
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:
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REFERENCE

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, at New York, 11/20/58.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of the report is being designated to WFO for information purposes because of their interest in this case.

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NY T-1 [redacted] [redacted] re ALBERT SOCOLOV.		6/30/58 and 12/27/58	NORMAN E. BLISS	65-14932-1255; instant report
NY T-2 [redacted]	Background re LUPERCIO RAMOS	9/2/58		65-14932-1261
b7D NY T-3 [redacted]	Background re LUPERCIO RAMOS	9/4/58		65-14932-1261
NY T-4 [redacted]	RAMOS not known to be member of PCM.	Oct., 1958	JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR.	65-14932-1264
NY T-5 [redacted]	RAMOS not known to be member of PCM.	Oct., 1958	JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR.	65-14932-1264

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

1. Will continue to maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, for information concerning subject's activities.
2. Will monitor account of subject's husband at First National City Bank, City Hall Branch, 257 Broadway.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of
Date:

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SA NORMAN E. BLISS

Office:

NEW YORK

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Title:

NY 65-14932; Bufile 65-58365

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

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Synopsis:

Background concerning LUPERCIO GARTO RAMOS, to whom subject's husband issued checks, set forth. Subject and husband continue to reside at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York.

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DETAILS

In June, 1958, NY T-1 advised that

NY T-2 advised on September 2, 1958, that RAMOS has been handling legal matters and real estate transactions in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, since the time of Governor ALFREDO CHAVEZ. His title of attorney was obtained through the Governor. He has never taken a bar examination. He obtained certain lands in Juarez, and no one can explain how he came into possession of these lands.

He has obtained other lands and properties, the titles to which are not clear, and he has put them in the names of his wife and children.

NY T-3 advised on September 4, 1958, that he has known RAMOS since 1932. NY T-3 described him as a bad attorney and an unscrupulous notary. He has been involved in difficulties because of notarial acts and the suspicious acquisition of real estate. He has considerable capital which he allegedly obtained through real estate deals and the issuing of birth certificates for people who did not have certificates. NY T-3 said that numerous attorneys in Juarez and Chihuahua City have been outspelled concerning the lack of professional ethics on the part of RAMOS.

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In October, 1958, ARMANDINO PRUNEDA GONZALEZ, lawyer, Chihuahua City, Mexico, advised SA JOHN J. CREEDEN, JR., that RAMOS has a reputation of handling shady divorce cases by mail, and there is an unconfirmed rumor that he has an agreement with a judge in Juarez to sign divorce papers even though these papers are not legal.

In October, 1958, NY T-4 and NY T-5 advised SA CREEDEN that RAMOS is not known to be a member or sympathizer of the Mexican Communist Party (PCM).

On December 27, 1958, NY T-1 advised that

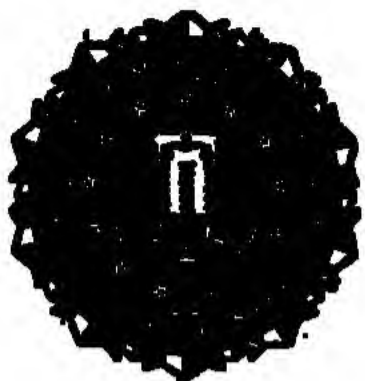
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It is noted that NY T-1 is no longer in custody of the basic document listed above and would not be able to testify.

It is also noted that the records of NY T-1 may not be produced except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.

On January 13, 1959, KENNETH KLINGBE, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that there has been no unusual activity on the part of the subject who still resides in this building with her husband and children.



**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**New York, New York
January 22, 1959**

**Re: Judith Coplon, also known as
Espionage-R**

**All the informants used in the report of
Special Agent Norman E. Elias, dated and captioned as
above, have furnished reliable information in the past.**

**This memorandum is loaned to you by the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, and
neither it nor its contents are to be
distributed outside the agency to which
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BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE

Bufile: 65-58365

~~NY~~ _____ Field Division

~~2/1/59~~ _____ Date

Title and Character of Case:

JUDITH COPLON

Date Property Acquired:

3/4/49

Source From Which Property Acquired:

FOUND IN POSSESSION OF JUDITH
COPLON AT TIME OF SEARCH
INCIDENTAL TO ARREST
VAULT

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit:

Reason for Retention of Property and
Efforts Made to Dispose of Same:

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and
Identity of Agent Submitting Same:

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Key ring with 9 keys.

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65-14932-1270

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

3/11/59

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE (#33)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, aka.
IS - R; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source	NY 2808-S*
Reliability	Has furnished reliable information in the past
Dates of Activity	2/27, 28; 3/1/59
Dates Received	2/27, 28; 3/1/59

On 2/27/59, the informant advised that NEEDLEMAN made plans to go to a movie picture with IRVING and DOROTHY KAPLAN that evening.

On 2/28/59, the informant reported that a Mrs. SPILLBAUM (ph) advised NEEDLEMAN that a Mrs. FROME had some literature (apparently pertaining to the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy) for distribution, as well as petitions to be signed. NEEDLEMAN arranged to have his son, DAVID, obtain this material from Mrs. FROME.

- 1 - NY 65-15119 (IRVING KAPLAN) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-126340 (DOROTHY KAPLAN) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-133090 (COMMITTEE FOR SANE NUCLEAR POLICY) (#411)
- 1 - NY 105-94430 (JULEA GONHAL) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-104803 (AL SOGLOV) (#422)
- 1 - NY 65-14932 (JUDITH COPLON) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-108558 (SARAH FILMER) (#423)
- 1 - NY 100-118948 (MAX SIEGNER) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-78633

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On 2/28/59, the informant reported that NEEDLEMAN advised JULIA GOSHAL that a representative of the Bureau of Internal Revenue had expressed interest in talking to NEEDLEMAN about JULIA GOSHAL's affairs. The latter stated that the Bureau of Internal Revenue wanted "closing statements" (possibly in connection with a house recently purchased by JULIA GOSHAL). NEEDLEMAN stated that his own position was clear and that in view of the confidential nature of a client-attorney relationship, he would give no information. JULIA GOSHAL indicated that she did not want "these statements" given to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. She said she had an appointment at this Bureau on 3/1/59, and would claim that she had been unable to find the documents wanted.

On 3/28/59, the informant reported that NEEDLEMAN found that, because of another engagement, he could not accept the invitation of AL SOCOLOV to dinner on 3/21/59.

On 3/1/59, the informant related that TRUDY GOLDBERG advised EDITH NEEDLEMAN that there was to be a meeting of the "Steering Committee" on Wednesday night (3/4/59?) at the home of SARAH FILMER. She invited EDITH and GIBBY NEEDLEMAN to the affair. EDITH NEEDLEMAN was not sure they could attend. TRUDY GOLDBERG mentioned that there was going to be a big meeting on March 11 and "sample leaflets" were being mailed to all the members.

On 3/1/59, the informant advised that MAX SEIGLER was to meet NEEDLEMAN at the latter's home the morning of 3/2/59. NEEDLEMAN was representing SEIGLER in adoption proceedings.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-78533)

3/3/59

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, aka.
IS - R; ISA, 50

Identity of Source	NY 2208-S*
Reliability	Who has furnished reliable information in the past.
Date of Activity	2/21/59
Date Received	2/21/59

NEEDLEMAN told SAM BROWN that WILLIAM LAWRENCE had expressed interest in BROWN's financial condition and might have some offer to make. NEEDLEMAN suggested that BROWN get in touch with LAWRENCE in the near future.

DOROTHY KAPLAN advised NEEDLEMAN that OLGA and PHILIP FIELD and their children finally decided to go (to Florida) by train. PHILIP FIELD had indicated that he would be back in a week.

JUDITH COPLON SOKOLOV invited the NEEDLEMANS to dinner on 3/14/59.

- 1 - New York (100-21785) (SAM BROWN) (#33)
- 1 - New York (100-467) (WILLIAM LAWRENCE) (#416)
- 1 - New York (100-23907) (OLGA & PHILIP FIELD) (#33)
- 1 - New York (65-14932) (JUDITH COPLON SOKOLOV) (#33)
- 1 - New York (100-78633)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-73633)

3/12/59

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE (#33)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, aka.
IS - R; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source	NY 1286-S*
Reliability	Has furnished reliable information in the past
Date of Activity	3/3/59
Date Received	3/3/59

NEEDLEMAN advised WILLIAM L. STANDARD that he had seen ANATOLI KOROSTELEV the day before and had met the new president of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. NEEDLEMAN revealed that he had invited KOROSTELEV to dinner on 3/2/59. STANDARD was pleased to hear that NEEDLEMAN had "brokered the ice." He said that he considered KOROSTELEV to be a very mature individual for whom he had a lot of respect.

NEEDLEMAN said he told KOROSTELEV that he would like to invite STANDARD and his wife too, but KOROSTELEV had suggested that they "keep it in the family."

The informant learned that KOROSTELEV was presenting NEEDLEMAN with one of the sofas the Amtorg Trading Corporation was discarding after moving to its new quarters.

- 1 - NY 65-7471 (AMTORG) (#343)
- 1 - NY 105-13803 (A. KOROSTELEV) (#343)
- 1 - NY 100-18430 (W. L. STANDARD) (#425)
- 1 - NY 100-104803 (AL SOCOLOV) (#422)
- 1 - NY 65-14932 (JUDY C. SOCOLOV) (#33)
- 1 - NY 105-16038 (SAM MACDOFF) (#33)
- 1 - NY 100-81844 (HARRY WELLS) (#414)
- 1 - NY 100-63873 (ALEX MUNSIELL) (#425)
- 1 - NY 100-73633

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NEEDLEMAN apologized to AL SOCOLOV for being unable to accept his dinner invitation for 3/2/59.

SAI MAGDOFF inquired whether NEEDLEMAN's friend (HARRY WELLS) was back from Europe with the film he had taken to be developed abroad. NEEDLEMAN said WELLS was due back any day.

NEEDLEMAN referred BARBARA LACY to KORTON HECKERLING, of WILLIAM L. STANDARD's office, for a secretarial job. NEEDLEMAN said she had been a client of his and that her father was ALEX MUNSELL, who had once turned down an inheritance of one million dollars. He said she was a good typist but had no legal experience. NEEDLEMAN added that she had worked at NYU and was desperately in need of a job. He added that he would vouch for her integrity.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 3/30/59	Investigative Period 2/21 - 3/24/59
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: 1mm
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, at New York, 1/22/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of the report is being designated to WFO for information purposes because of the interest of that office in this case.

The information secured from NY T-3 was furnished to SA FREDERICK C. BAUCKHAM on 3/20/59.

Approved <i>mb</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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NY 65-14932

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Number Where Located

NY T-1
NY 2203-S*

NY T-2
NY 694-S*

NY T-3

Instant report

LEADS

NEW YORK

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At New York, New York

1. Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, for information concerning the subject's activities.

2. Will [redacted] of subject's husband at [redacted]

3. Will discreetly determine details of insurance policies held by subject's husband at Travelers Insurance Co. and United States Insurance Co.

4. Will investigate connection of subject's husband with Bruns Nordeman, Stock Brokers.

1. ☐ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☐ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

There is no reason to believe that she would be cooperative.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her previous activity in behalf of the Soviet espionage organization indicates that she would be capable of again participating in such activity in the event of a national emergency.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

SA NORMAN E. BLISS
3/30/59

Office:

New York

File Number:

New York 65-14932

Bufile 65-58355

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject invited ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, suspected Soviet espionage agent, and his wife to dinner on March 14, 1959. NEEDLEMAN later declined the invitation because of another engagement. Subject and husband still reside at 115-125 Asiland Place, Brooklyn, New York. Information set forth concerning insurance payments made by subject's husband.

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DETAILS

In March, 1959, NY T-1 advised that the subject invited ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN and his wife to dinner at her apartment on March 14, 1959. However, NY T-1 later advised that it had come to his attention that NEEDLEMAN subsequently declined this invitation because of a prior engagement.

NY 65-14932

NY T-2 advised in 1953 that NEEDLEMAN, an attorney at 155 Broadway, New York City, is a suspected Soviet espionage agent. The informant further advised that NEEDLEMAN formerly had been attorney for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States.

In March, 1959, NY T-3 advised that the



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The original documents from which the above



The above information is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena.

KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. ELISS on March 24, 1959 that the subject still resides in her apartment in this building, and he has observed nothing unusual in her activities.



**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

New York, New York

March 30, 1959

**Re: Judith Coplon, also known as
Espionage - R**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 6/1/59	Investigative Period 4/1-5/20/59
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka.		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: jhr
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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REFERENCE: Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS at NY, 3/30/59.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being designated to WFO for information purposes because of the interest of that office in this case.

Referenced report set out information indicating that ALBERT SOCOLOV, subject's husband paid \$31.00 to the Travelers Insurance Company on 3/2/59. On 4/1/59 SA NORMAN E. BLISS was advised by HENRY HUBBARD, Life Insurance Department of Travelers Insurance Company, 80 John Street, NYC that any information regarding life insurance policies with this company must be obtained from company headquarters, Hartford, Connecticut.

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NY 65-5128

It is not believed that there is sufficient need to check this policy to warrant setting out a lead for investigation at Hartford.

INFORMANTS

Identity
of Source

File Number
where Located

NY T-1
A. J. STILO,
Legal Division,
US Life Insurance Company,
84 William Street, NYC

instant report

NY T-2
ABRAHAM GOLDBERG,
Assistant Manager,
Bruns Nordeman Company,
52 Wall Street, NYC

instant report

NY T-3

instant report

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to locate Hollywood Movers and determine nature of SOKOLOV's business with that firm.

NY 65-5128

2. Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn for information concerning subject's activities.

NY 65-5128

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

There is no reason to believe that she would be cooperative.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her previous activity in behalf of the Soviet espionage organization indicates that she would be capable of again participating in such activity in the event of a national emergency.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA NORMAN E. BLISS
Date: 6/1/59

Office: NEW YORK

File Number: NY (65-14932)

Bureau (65-58365)

Title: JUDITH COPLAN

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis: Subject and husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV still residing in Apartment at 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York. Information set out re insurance policy and stock holdings of SOCOLOV.

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NY 65-14532

DETAILS:

In April, 1959, NY T-1 advised that the United States Life Insurance Company, 84 William Street, New York City, holds a term life insurance policy for ten thousand dollars on ALBERT SOCOLOV, husband of the subject. This policy was taken out in 1954. At that time an investigation was made of SOCOLOV by a private agency for the insurance company, and his reputation and credit were reported as good. According to NY T-1, the beneficiary of the above mentioned insurance policy is SOCOLOV's wife, JUDITH.

In May, 1959, NY T-2 stated that ALBERT SOCOLOV owns approximately \$10,000.00 worth of various stock securities through the firm of Bruns, Nordeman Company, Brokers, 52 Wall Street, New York City.

On May 19, 1959, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that subject and her husband are still residing in this building and there has been no unusual activity on their part to his knowledge. He stated that the subject has not mentioned any plans for leaving the New York area for a vacation this summer.

On May 19, 1959, NY T-3 advised that

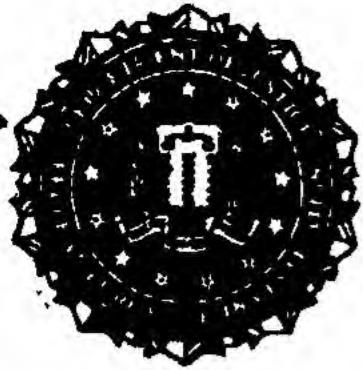


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It is noted that NY T-3 is no longer in custody of the basic document necessary to show [redacted] and he would not be able to testify in this matter. It is also noted that the records of NY T-3 may not be produced except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

NY 65-14932

On May 19, 1959, JOHN LIVINGSTON, Assistant Cashier, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, advised that a \$40,000.00 cash bond is still being maintained on the subject and will continue to remain in force until this case is closed by the court. LIVINGSTON stated that he has had no inquiries concerning this bond from the subject or anyone else.



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York
June 1, 1959

65-14932

Re: Judith Coplan
Espionage - R

Informants NY T-1 and NY T-2 used in the report of Special Agent Norman E. Bliss dated and captioned as above have not furnished information in the past, but are in a position to know about Albert Socolov's life insurance and stock holdings.

NY T-3 has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Ver. due 5/17/59

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

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SI UNIT
DATE 6/3/59
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Residence: 125 Ashland Pl., Bklyn N.Y.

Method of Verification: interview Bldg. Supt.

Neighborhood Source: Kenneth Klinger

Date: 5/19/59

Verified by SA: H.C. Bliss

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: K. Klinger - (see above)

Date: 5/19/59

Verified by SA: H.C. Bliss

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials HCB

Date 6-3-59

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H.C. Bliss	113
SI Unit	113

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 7/30/59	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/15 - 7/28/59
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka.		REPORT MADE BY NORMAN E. BLISS	TYPED BY hfg
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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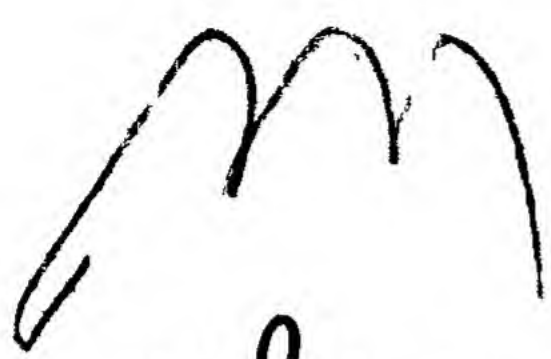

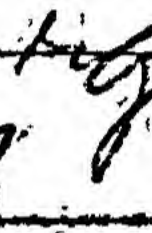
REFERENCE

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 6/1/59, at NY.

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NY 65-14932

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York-

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER,
Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, for information
concerning activities of the subject.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

There is nothing to indicate that she would be cooperative in any way.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her past activity in Soviet Espionage, which was ended by her apprehension by the FBI, indicates that she would be capable of further such activity in the event of a national emergency.

11. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ His activities ☐ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA NORMAN E. BLISS
Date: 7/30/59

Office: New York

File Number: New York 65-14732

Bureau 65-58365

Title: JUDITH COPLAN

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis: Subject and family continue to reside at 113-123
Ashland Place, Brooklyn. No unusual activity re-
ported concerning subject or her husband.

NY 65-14932

DETAILS

On July 15, 1959, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, continue to reside in their apartment in this building, and there has been no unusual activity on the part of either of them.

On July 28, 1959, EDWARD WENDEL, Owner, Hollywood Movers, 209 East 165th Street, New York City, advised that he recalls moving a piano to the apartment of the subject sometime in approximately March or April, 1959. He was unable to recall the address or general location of the place from which he picked the piano up, and he advised that he has no record which would show this information.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 12-5-56)

Date

8/1/59

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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Field Division

Title and Number of Case

NEW YORK

JUDITH COPLOW

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

FOUND IN POSSESSION OF JUDITH COPLOW AT TIME OF SEARCH INCIDENTAL TO ARREST

VAULT

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T.S. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

Field File # 65-14932-1B #33
cc: 66-6649

65-14932-1278

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 18 JUL 1959

FROM : CYRIL J. RYAN, SUPERVISOR, #42

SUBJECT: SECURITY INDEX TABULATION

In accordance with Bureau instructions, a review has been made of Security Index cases to tabulate the occupation of the subject and the product produced by the employer. The information obtained on stapled Photostat below was furnished to the Bureau by letter dated 8/3/59.

This Photostat is being placed in the file for ready reference.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

9/23/59

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE (#33)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
IS-R; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source:	NY 1286-S*
Reliability:	Has furnished reliable information in the past
Date of Activity:	9/1/59, 9/2/59
Date Received:	9/1/59, 9/2/59

September 1, 1959

AL SOCOLOV informed NEEDLEMAN that he had secured a cottage at Hampton Bays, NY, for the week end of Labor Day.

ABRAHAM HIMOFF informed NEEDLEMAN he had been in Chicago and had seen some people, including "Morris". He asked how his case was coming along. NEEDLEMAN told him nothing was happening at the moment, but assured him that the suit had been started.

September 2, 1959

Miss A. STATNEKOO told NEEDLEMAN she had heard something was being done in connection with the importing of Russian crab meat in the US. NEEDLEMAN stated that a test case was supposed to be made, but he had heard no details. Miss STATNEKOO indicated that she could get Russian crab meat advantageously through Switzerland. She asked whether NEEDLEMAN would be interested in handling a test case and

1 - New York (100-104803) (AL SOCOLOV) (#425)
1 - New York (65-14932) (JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV) (#33)
1 - New York (100-72783) (ABRAHAM HIMOFF) (#421)
1 - New York (105-21124) (A. STATNEKOO) (#35)
1 - New York (105-13803) (ANATOLI KOROSTELEV) (#343)
1 - New York (65-7471) (Antorg) (#343)
1 - New York (100-62751) (SID TOBIAS) (#33)
1 - New York (100-121203) (HY YUDEWITZ) (#424)
1 - New York (100-137726) (JACKIE FINK) (#423)
1 - New York (100-34464) (JOSH LAWRENCE) (#425)
1 - New York (100-57562) (EVE MIZARA) (#31)
1 - New York (100-78633)

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how much ^{day} he would charge. NEEDLEMAN replied that he had been going to make such a test case but did not know what it would cost. He and Miss STATNEKOO estimated it might be \$2,500. NEEDLEMAN said that whoever bought the test case would be successful because trade with the Soviet Union was ready to be opened up. Miss STATNEKOO indicated that she would like to consider starting such a test case, after talking to an individual in the shipping business. Her one concern was that everyone would begin to import crab meat if the case was won and the time and money would have been spent for someone else's benefit. NEEDLEMAN assured her, however, that as the case progressed, he would take her to see ANATOLI KOROSTELEV, introduce her as the person who had instituted the case, and suggest that she be given first consideration.

SID TOBIAS told NEEDLEMAN that after Labor Day he wanted to discuss with him a matter pertaining to RAY BROWN (widow of SAM BROWN).

NEEDLEMAN ascertained that HY YUDEWITZ had to join the Teachers Union, and arranged to have an application form sent to him at 224 Sullivan Street, NYC.

The informant learned that YUDEWITZ was to receive \$4,500 as a starting salary, but would get an increase after he obtained a Masters Degree next January.

JACQUELINE FINK informed NEEDLEMAN that she was looking for a law partner, and hinted that she had him in mind. NEEDLEMAN told her he could not do it, but promised to look for someone for her.

JOSH LAWRENCE told NEEDLEMAN he and four of his brothers owned a house in New Jersey, which their mother occupies at present. LAWRENCE stated that the brothers

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share in her support. He mentioned one of the brothers had suggested that the house be incorporated for tax purposes. The LAWRENCES wanted NEEDLEMAN to handle the details, but NEEDLEMAN suggested calling MORTON STAVIS, "one of our good friends", in New Jersey.

EVE MIZARA told NEEDLEMAN she had been expatriated and would have to be sworn in again (as an American citizen). She said that even if her legal problems were straightened out by the end of September, she would be frustrated in her desire to go abroad because the swearing in would be put off until after the elections.

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SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE (#33)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
IS-N; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source:

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Reliability:

Has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date of Activity:

8/27/59

Date Received:

8/27/59

MAURINE HOLBERT advised NEEDLEMAN that she wanted to get a loan from a bank, and she requested him to co-sign the notes for her.

FLORENCE WALLERSTEIN informed NEEDLEMAN that JOHN HARRINGTON was endorsed (by the FINLETTER group). She did not know how "Mike" NISSELSON had voted, but had heard that even after NEEDLEMAN had spoken to him, NISSELSON had been doubtful as to what he would do. NEEDLEMAN asked FLORENCE WALLERSTEIN to find out how NISSELSON had voted, and threatened to "fix his wagon" if he did not vote for HARRINGTON.

The informant learned that NEEDLEMAN was investing about \$8,900 in 100 shares of Lease Plan International and 100 shares of Stabnitz-Groene. These investments were made

1 - New York (100-117771) (MAURINE HOLBERT) (#424)
1 - New York (100-84135) (FLORENCE WALLERSTEIN) (#425)
1 - New York (100-82890) (MIKE NISSELSON) (#414)
1 - New York (65-15119) (IRVING KAPLAN) (#33)
1 - New York (65-14932) (JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV) (#33)
1 - New York (100-104803) (AL SOCOLOV) (#425)
1 - New York (100-23907) (PHIL and OLGA FIELD) (#33)
1 - New York (100-93572) (National Guardian) (#41)
1 - New York (100-113335) (Teachers Union) (#413)
1 - New York (100-83372) (MAUD RUSSELL) (#425)
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through IRVING KAPLAN who recommended taking a profit on Stuhnitz-Greene as soon as this stock was up two points.

AL SOCOLOV asked NEEDLEMAN where he could go for a short vacation over Labor Day with his wife (JUDITH COPLON) and three children. NEEDLEMAN recommended renting a cottage in Hampton Bays. He mentioned that a party was to be given at the home of PHILIP and OLGA FIELD for the benefit of the 'National Guardian' and the Teachers Union. NEEDLEMAN told SOCOLOV that MAUD RUSSELL, who had just come back from Red China, where she had spent four months, had 'all kinds of things to show and tell' and would provide the entertainment at this affair.

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Reporting Office <u>NEW YORK</u>	Office of Origin <u>NEW YORK</u>	Date <u>9/30/59</u>	Investigative Period <u>9/28/59</u>
TITLE OF CASE <u>JULIETH COPLON aka</u>		Report made by <u>NORMAN E. BLISS</u>	Typed By: <u>csp</u>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <u>ESPIONAGE-R</u>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCE:

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 7/30/59, at NY.

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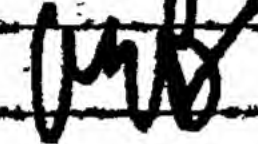
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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to remain in contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, for information concerning activities of the subject.

Approved 	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

There is nothing to indicate that she would be cooperative in any way.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
her participation in Soviet Espionage in the past indicates that she would be capable of activity of the same nature in the event of a national emergency.

11. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ His activities ☐ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: NORMAN E. BLISS
Date: 9/30/59
File Number: New York 65-1,932
Title: JUDITH COPLIN

Office: New York, New York

Bureau 65-58365

Character: ESPIONAGE-R

Synopsis: Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, advised subject and her husband still residing in this building and he has noted no unusual activity on their part.

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DETAILS

On September 24, 1959, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that he sees the subject on the street with her children on many days, and that she still resides in this building with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV. KLINGER said that no unusual activity on the part of either the subject or her husband has been noted by him.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-23907) (33)

PHILIP FIELD
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On 7/22/59, NY 594-S*, a highly confidential source whose security must be protected, advised SA ALEXANDER C. BUCKLINSON that, while on vacation at Hampton Bays, Long Island, he attended a party on Labor Day, September 5th, at the summer home of PHILIP FIELD at Hampton Bays.

MAUDE RUSSELL, who recently had been in China, gave a lecture on China, and showed slides of Chinese scenes. One thousand dollars was collected from the guests at the party, one-third of said amount to be given to the Teachers' Union, one-third to the National Guardian, and one-third to MAUDE RUSSELL. Of the guests present, the informant recognized the following: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, IRVING KAPLAN, DAVE GREEN and HARRY MAGDOFF. The informant, while at the party, was told that JUDY COPLON was also present.

1 - Newark	(105-669) (RM)
1 - NY 134-91	(INV) (415)
1 - NY 100-113325	(TEACHERS' UNION) (414)
1 - NY 100-93572	(NATIONAL GUARDIAN) (41)
1 - NY 65-15119	(IRVING KAPLAN) (34)
1 - NY 100-78633	(ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN) (33)
1 - NY 100-262	(DAVE GREEN) (423)
1 - NY 100-96155	(HARRY MAGDOFF) (33)
① - NY 65-14932	(JUDY COPLON) (33)
1 - NY 100-23907	(33)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

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SA VICTOR A. LEMATTE

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
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Identity of Source
Reliability

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ALEC JONES advised NEEDLEMAN that SUZANNE GREEN wanted to go away for a week but would be unable to leave unless she could find a place for her son JONNY to stay. NEEDLEMAN offered to keep the boy at his home while SHE GREEN was away.

NEEDLEMAN advised IRVING KAPLAN he had met with LEO LINDER that morning and they were all set on the Merritt, Chapman and Scott case.

NEEDLEMAN told WILLIAM ALBERTSON to invite him to "certain conventions". ALBERTSON remarked that these gatherings would take place in November and December. He asked whether NEEDLEMAN would attend a mass meeting on September 25, 1959. NEEDLEMAN said he had planned to be there but would have to take care of his son, who had sustained a broken leg.

- 1 - 100-55496 (SUE GREEN) (423)
- 1 - 100-109966 (ALEC JONES) (425)
- 1 - 100-98924 (LEO LINDER) (425)
- 1 - 65-15119 (IRVING KAPLAN) (33)
- 1 - 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - 100-21785 (SAM BROWN) (33)
- 1 - 100-121933 (SIDNEY KAUFMAN) (33)
- 1 - 65-14932 (JUDITH SOCOLOV) (33)
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ALBERTSON inquired whether NEEDLEMAN planned to be at an affair sponsored by the Independent Socialist Party. NEEDLEMAN replied that he was not going because he did not know what he could do there. However, he offered to try to get other people, who would be "helpful", to attend. ALBERTSON said his "good old friends, the Trotskyites" were "screaming murder". He added that he would be there "officially".

ALBERTSON indicated that he would expect a contribution by mail from NEEDLEMAN, since the latter could not be at the function on September 25th. NEEDLEMAN promised to send it.

NEEDLEMAN received a check for \$250.00 from SIDNEY KAUFMAN and another in the same amount from the latter's wife, ANDREA KAUFMAN, in settlement of SAM BROWN's claim against KAUFMAN for alteration work performed at the KAUFMAN residence.

The informant learned that JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV was at Adelphi Hospital, Brooklyn, with hemorrhoids resulting from her last pregnancy.

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10/15/59

SA VICTOR A. LEMAYNE

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
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Identity of Source
Reliability

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Has furnished reliable
information in the past

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BLANCHE HOROWITZ angrily told NEEDLEMAN she wanted to be fired by the National Lawyers Guild right away and to be given severance pay to January, (1960). She said she would have her demands brought up at the (Executive Committee) meeting of the NGL on September 23, 1959.

NEEDLEMAN revealed that the Finance Committee meeting on September 22nd had disclosed that the sum of \$1,000.00 would have to be raised. BLANCHE HOROWITZ said she was not interested in the "headaches" of the Guild. She said she had worked for the Executive Committee and they were responsible for the way she was being fired.

BLANCHE HOROWITZ mentioned she had received a letter from DAVID SCHRIENER asking her to write out in detail a list of her work in the office.

- 1 - 100-10769 (NGL) (41)
- 1 - 100-57921 (BLANCHE HOROWITZ) (423)
- 1 - 100-95907 (DAVID SCHRIENER) (422)
- 1 - 100-99145 (MILTON FELTENSTEIN) (33)
- 1 - 100-45180 (BERNARD KLEPP) (421)
- 1 - 100-66110 (SAM KUBENGER) (422)
- 1 - 100-133773 (FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS) (41)
- 1 - 65-15119 (IRVING KAPLAN) (33)
- 1 - 65-14932 (JUDITH SOCOLOV) (33)
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She said what she had accomplished was her "stock in trade" and she was not going to give it to SCHLESER so he could sell it to the NLA for \$10,000.00 a year. She confessed that she had no other job lined up.

Dr. MILTON FRIEDMANSTEIN complained about the excessive mark-up on the tickets NEEDLEMAN had sent him for the NLA theater party. NEEDLEMAN admitted it was quite large but pointed out that it happened only once a year and that the Guild does a "good job." NEEDLEMAN estimated the organization would make about \$3,500 on the affair.

BERNARD KLETZ advised NEEDLEMAN he had gone into the laundry business at 106th Street and Columbus Avenue and was having trouble with a "racketeering union." He said this organization, which had been ousted from the AFL, goes around collecting from owners of laundrettes, on the threat of a picket line. KLETZ added that after fighting for a couple of years, he signed up with this union. He told NEEDLEMAN that the AFL-CIO had made this union drop the claim of AFL-CIO affiliation. Therefore, he felt the contract was not valid and he decided "not to pay off any longer". He informed NEEDLEMAN that he had been called up before the State Arbitration Board. KLETZ said he had only one employee, a woman, who did not want to belong to the union.

NEEDLEMAN promised to visit KLETZ's place of business to discuss the matter further on September 24, 1959.

The informant advised that NEEDLEMAN subsequently consulted SAM NEUBERGER regarding this matter. NEUBERGER was of the opinion it was a good case against the union but might cost a lot of money. However, he encouraged NEEDLEMAN to handle it.

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NEEDLEMAN told IRVING KAPLAN that a number of letters had been received supporting the application of HARRY CARLISLE for a grant-in-aid from the Fund For Social Analysis. He indicated that some of these letters came from the First Unitarian Church, and there was also one from JOHN HOWARD LAWSON.

NEEDLEMAN ascertained that JUDITH COPLAN SOCOLOV expected to go home from the hospital on September 26, 1959, and that she intended to go to the National Lawyers Guild theater party. NEEDLEMAN promised to save her a couple of tickets.

ERNIE GOODMAN, who reminded NEEDLEMAN that he served him "the best cup of coffee in New York", referred to NEEDLEMAN one of his employees. He told NEEDLEMAN, this woman, a Mrs. LERNER, needed advice in a divorce matter.

The informant recalled that early in May, 1959, an individual named ERNIE, who told NEEDLEMAN he was one of the owners of the Envoy Restaurant (375 Lexington Avenue, New York City) invited NEEDLEMAN to drop in some evening for a drink and to talk over old times.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

JUDITH SOCOLOV, aka
65-14932

Office File

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

 Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

 Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

125 ASHLAND PL Bkly, N.Y.

Method of Verification:

INTVIEW Bldg Supt,

Neighborhood Source:

Kenneth KLINER - Supt

Date:

9/28/59

Verified by SA:

N.E. BLISS

Employment:

Address:

Housewife

Key Facility:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom:

☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

K. KLINER

(see above)

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau:

☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials

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Date

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/24/59	Investigative Period 11/19-11-20/59
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: VKB
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 9/30/59, at NY.

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PHILIP FIELD

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NY T-3
NY 1286-S*

LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER,
Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, for
information concerning the activities of the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

SA NORMAN E. ELISS

Office: New York, New York

Date:

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File Number:

New York: 63-14932

Bureau 63-28305

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject and her husband still residing at 113-123
Ashland Place, Brooklyn. Subject guest at party
given by PHILIP FIELD at Hampton Days, NY, 9/6/59.

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DETAILS:

On September 22, 1959, NY T-1 advised that on September 6, 1959, the subject was present at a party at Hampton Bays, New York, which was given by PHILIP FIELD.

NY T-2 advised that PHILIP FIELD, and his wife, ELGA, were in contact with SAM CARR on January 24, 1949. IGOR GOUZIKO has identified CARR as a member of a Russian Espionage ring operating in Canada prior to 1946.

On September 22, 1959, NY T-3 advised that the subject had recently gone to the Adelphi Hospital, Brooklyn, for a minor operation. NY T-3 advised on September 23, 1959, that the subject would be leaving the hospital on September 26, 1959, and was planning to attend a dinner of the National Lawyers Guild in the near future.

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, page 149.

On November 20, 1959, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, advised SA NORMAN E. ELIAS that the subject and her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, still reside in their apartment in this building. KLINGER said that no unusual activity on the part of the subject has come to his attention.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58515)

12/29/59

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14984)

MARION DAVIS HERNANDEZ aka
ESP-R
(OO:BUREAU)

Rerep of SA JOE C. SPARKS, dated 11/18/59, at
Mexico, D. F.

It was noted that rerep contained a statement
from [redacted] that in May, 1959, MAY BROOKS said
subject was recently disturbed because one of her best
friends with whom she and JUDITH COPLAN had gone to
school, had been to Mexico and that this unnamed girl
was suspected of working for the United States State De-
partment and of having furnished information against
JUDITH COPLAN. MAY BROOKS said subject defended her
friend and had suffered because of it even though it
subsequently developed that this unnamed girl had been
falsely accused of having furnished information against
JUDITH COPLAN.

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No further effort is recommended to determine
the identity of the school acquaintance of subject, but
the following observations may be of use at some future
time:

1. HERNANDEZ probably wonders how the FBI was
alerted to COPLAN's activities, and may have thought that
this school acquaintance might have turned COPLAN in.

2. Her curiosity may have again been aroused
following her interview in NY, on 5/31/57, and she pro-
bably discussed it with her husband or MAY BROOKS on
her return to Mexico. Although two years ago, this would

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be relatively recent, since she has been out of school since 1943.

3. The most obvious school acquaintance would have been FLORA DON WOVSCHIN, who not only worked for the State Department in 1944, but also was identified, according to [redacted] (not to be disseminated), as the person who recruited COPLON and BERDECIO for the MGB.

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4. WOVSCHIN left US for Russia in 1946, and has since died. Her mother, MARIA WICHER, resided in Mexico, but WOVSCHIN apparently never resided there. Although MAY BROOKS said the suspected friend had been in Mexico, this part of the story may have been inaccurate.

In event Bureau wishes to advise Legat, Mexico extra copy of letter is designated for Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/10/60	Investigative Period 1/14 - 2/4/60
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Synopsis:

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was noted that there were no items of interest in this investigation.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to contact KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, concerning the activities of the subject.

Will determine if subject and her husband have purchased a new car, and identify same if such is the case.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

There is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

NORMAN E. BLISS

Date:

2/10/60

File Number:

New York 65-14932

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Office:

New York, New York

Bureau 65-58365

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject still residing at 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, with her husband and children. No unusual activities on part of subject reported.

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DETAILS:

On January 14, 1960, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that the subject still resides in this building with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, and her children. He stated that he has not observed any unusual activity by the subject, and said that she still occupies herself as a housewife.

KLINGER stated that he has not seen the old Rambler station Wagon owned by the SOCOLOVS for some time, and believes that they may have sold it. He advised that if he saw them in another car he would get identifying data concerning it.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

Key Facility:

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Yes

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No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom:

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Yes

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No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau:

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Yes

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No

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Subject Meets SI Criteria

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Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials

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125 Ashland Pl. - Bklyn, N.Y.

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KENNETH KLINGER, SVPT.

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N.E. BLISS

Housewife

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

3/3/60

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE (# 33)

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
IS - R; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source

NY 2208-S*

Reliability

Who has furnished reliable
information in the past.

Date of Activity

2/18, 2/19/60

Date Received

2/18, 2/19/60

The NEEDLEMANs planned to have dinner with OLGA and PHILIP FIELD, and possibly with IRVING and DOROTHY KAPLAN, on 2/21/60. They expected to attend the theater together afterwards.

STEVE GELLARD (ph) sought NEEDLEMAN's advice on joining a labor union. He indicated that he wanted to get into the International Hod Carriers, Building, and Common Laborers Union. He had learned that hod carriers are paid \$3.65 an hour. NEEDLEMAN suggested that he call the union local to find out whether he was eligible for membership.

February 19, 1960

SAUL RUDES informed NEEDLEMAN that he had a problem involving a friend who works in a shipyard and who had been denied a Coast Guard pass. This pass had been granted to him in the past on the strength of statements and applications which had not required him to swear to anything. According to RUDES, this individual had received a questionnaire embodying 547

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- 1 - New York (100-106030) (SAUL RUDES) (# 421)
- 1 - New York (65-14932) (JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV) (# 33)
- 1 - New York (100-104803) (AL SOCOLOV) (# 422)
- 1 - New York (100-96155) (HARRY MAGDOFF) (# 33)
- 1 - New York (100-116168) (BEATRICE MAGDOFF) (# 33)
- 1 - New York (105-3801) (SAM POSEN) (# 33)
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organizations. He had signed this questionnaire although it included the IWO, of which he was a member. More recently a new document was sent him reciting other questions which, by their nature, indicated that the answers were already known. RUDES did not feel he could advise his client to answer these questions.

NEEDLEMAN told him that it had been held that membership in the IWO was not proper grounds for refusing citizenship or Coast Guard clearance.

RUDES told NEEDLEMAN that these documents contain such questions as:

"Have you ever known or associated with an IRVING VELSON? If so, explain circumstances.

"Have you ever attended CP meetings in Brooklyn, NY at any time during 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951?

"Have you ever been a member of the IWO? If so explain why you neglected to admit this on your Post Security Card Application Questionnaire.

"Were you ever a candidate on a CP slate of the IUMSWA Local # 13, Brooklyn, NY, in April, 1949.

"Have you ever read the 'Daily Worker'?

"Have you ever subscribed to the 'Daily Worker'?

"What is your present opinion of Communism?"

NEEDLEMAN contended that the answer to many of these questions was that it was none of their business. NEEDLEMAN asked RUDES to get additional facts from his friend and to get in touch with him on 2/23/60 when they could go over the questionnaire in more detail.

AL SOCOLOV informed NEEDLEMAN that his wife, JUDY COPLON SOCOLOV, was expecting another child in about three months. He told NEEDLEMAN that he was making so much money he did not know what to do with it all. He asked NEEDLEMAN whether

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"the CITRONS" would be interested in selling their house (in Hampton Bay). NEEDLEMAN said he knew they had been willing to sell it last summer. He suggested that SOCOLOV could get in touch with them about it at the Teachers Union.

NEEDLEMAN and DOROTHY KAPLAN discussed the death of latter's sister, EMMA, on 2/18/60, and agreed that it was "a blessing".

The informant learned that the NEEDLEMANS, KAPLANS, PHILIP and OLGA FIELD, HARRY and BEATRICE MAGDOFF, SAM and MARY POSEN, were to attend the theater together on 2/21/60.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 3/21/60	Investigative Period 2/19 - 3/15/60
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: mkr
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REFERENCE

Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, dated 2/10/60, at NY.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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NY 2208-S*

NY T-2
NY 694-S*

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, regarding activities of subject.

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) there is no reason to believe she would cooperate in any way.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) her previous participation in espionage for the Soviets indicates that she would be capable of the same type of activity in event of a national emergency.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: NORMAN E. BLISS

Office: New York, New York

Date: 3/21/60

File Number: New York 65-14932

Bureau 65-58365

Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis: Subject still residing 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY. Subject and husband reportedly interested in buying house in Hampton Bays, NY. Subject expecting another child.

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DETAILS

On February 19, 1960, NY T-1 advised that the subject was expecting another child in approximately three months. NY T-1 further advised that ALBERT SOCOLOV, subject's husband, has been inquiring as to the possibility of purchasing the house belonging to ALICE CITRON. NY T-1 believed that this information referred to a house at Hampton Bays, Long Island, New York. It is noted that Hampton Bays consists primarily of summer residences,

NY T-2 advised in 1955 that ALICE CITRON was, as of that time, a Communist Party (CP) member but held no office. NY T-2 stated that she had been a member of the CP since 1935.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On February 24, 1960, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the subject and her husband continue to live quietly and there has been no unusual activity on their part which has come to his attention. He stated that he has not observed the subject or her husband with a car for several months and is of the opinion that they do not have one at this time. KLINGER stated that he has not personally observed the subject in a few weeks but has seen her husband on several occasions recently.



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*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

New York, New York

March 21, 1960

Re: Judith Coplon

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Norman E. Bliss, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

The confidential informants utilized in above mentioned report have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 5/23/60	Investigative Period 2/18 - 20/60
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON		Report made by NORMAN E. BLISS	Typed By: hmv
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

REFERENCE

NY report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS dated 3/21/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will continue to maintain contact with KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY, regarding activities of the subject.

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Copy to:

Report of: **NORMAN E. BLISS**
Date: **5/23/60**

Office: **New York, New York**

File Number: **New York 65-14932**

Bureau 65-58366

Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: **ESPIONAGE - R**

Synopsis: No unusual activity reported on subject who still resides at 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY.

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DETAILS

On February 13, 1950, KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the subject still resides in this building with her husband and children and he has seen her several times in the past few weeks sitting in the playground with her children.

KLINGER did not know whether the subject is expecting another child and he advised that he has not heard anything concerning plans of the subject and her husband to buy a summer home or any other kind of property.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

FROM : SA NORMAN E. BLISS

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: 6/10/60

On 6/9/60 KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent at 115-125 Ashland Place Brooklyn, (where the subject resides with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, and her children) advised SA BLISS that he had seen the subject on the previous day and noted that she is obviously pregnant.

KLINGER further stated that he recently noted that the subject and her husband have purchased a 1967 two-door Plymouth sedan, with cream top and blue body. He did not know the plate number.

He further advised that he is leaving his job on 6/10/60 in order to begin a new job as superintendent at Washington Square Village, in New York City. KLINGER said the new superintendent at 115-125 Ashland Place will be Mr. MICHAEL SAVIE, whom he does not know personally.

It is suggested that steps be taken to determine the suitability of developing Mr. SAVIE as a source of neighborhood information concerning the subject, to replace Mr. KLINGER.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV, aka

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: *same 125 Ashland Place, Bklyn. N.Y.*
 Method of Verification: *Interview of Kenneth Kluger, Supt 115-125*
 Neighborhood Source: *Ashland Place, Bklyn.*
 Date: *6/9/60*
 Verified by SA: *NORMAN E. BLISS*

Employment: *HOUSEWIFE*Address: *same*

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date Checked: _____ Geographical Reference Number: _____

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: *(see above re Kluger)*

Date:

Verified by SA: *N. E. Bliss*FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoFile Reviewed *7/22/60*

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials: *NEL*Date: *7/22/60*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 8/5/60	Investigative Period 5/24 - 7/26/60
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON		Report made by <div></div>	Typed By: vam
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REFERENCE


Report of SA NORMAN E. BLISS, 5/23/50, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being designated for WFO because of the interest of that office in this case.

Mr. KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, has advised that MICHAEL SAVIE will be the new superintendent at that address as Mr. KLINGER is leaving the position for a job as superintendent at Washington Square Village in Manhattan.

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A review of NYO files on 7/26/60, failed to reflect any information pertaining to MICHAEL SAVIE.

LEAD

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will contact Mr. MICHAEL SAVIE, the new superintendent at 115-125 Ashland Place, and develop him as a source concerning the activities of the subject.

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New York 65-14932

Bureau File No.: 65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn. Husband's auto registration information set out.

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DETAILS

On June 9, 1960, Mr. KENNETH KLINGER, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, advised SA NORMAN E. BLISS that he had observed the subject on the previous day and noted that she is obviously pregnant. He stated that the subject continues to reside at that address with her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, and her children.

Mr. KLINGER further stated that he recently noted that the subject and her husband have purchased a 1957 two-door Plymouth sedan with cream top and blue body.

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On July 14, 1960, the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York State furnished by LAWRENCE MEIGHAN to IC THOMAS I. MC GUINNESS reflected the following information pertaining to the auto registration for ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, subject's husband:

The 1960 registration 6C9573 was for a 1958 Plymouth sedan, colored turquoise and white, engine number LOIN1558.

The records also reflected the 1958-61 automobile operator's license number 1714461 registered to ALBERT H. SOCOLOV, born October 20, 1921. SOCOLOV's residence was listed as 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn and his business was indicated as "self-employed". The records described SOCOLOV as male, 182 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches, blue eyes and brown hair.

Date 8/1/60

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPLON

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RETAIN - POSSIBLE FUTURE EVIDENTIARY VALUE.

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T.S. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

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cc: 66-6649

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
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To : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-341652)

Date: : 9/2/60

From *Y/P* SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

Subject: ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
IS - R; ISA, 1950

On 8/23/60, NY 1537-S*, a source that has furnished reliable information in the past and must be adequately protected, furnished the following information concerning a conference that took place on that date between NEEDLEMAN and Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHNEIR:

SCHNEIR told NEEDLEMAN that he and his wife were writing a book about HARRY GOLD and were trying to locate MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ so that they could interview her in connection with the book. NEEDLEMAN suggested that ABE BROTHMAN might have MIRIAM's address.

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1 - New York (100-95068) (ABE BROTHMAN) (#33)
1 - New York (100-8333) (JULES KORCHIEN) (#33)
1 - New York (100-96341) (MIRIAM MOSKOWITZ) (#33)
1 - New York (100-55242) (OSCAR VAGO) (#423)
1 - New York (65-7471) (Amtorg) (#341)
1 - New York (65-15330) (ALFRED D. SLACK) (#33)
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SCHNEIR explained that the book hinged upon the presence of other people in HARRY GOLD's life and thought that NEEDLEMAN might be able to help by telling what he knew about GOLD. NEEDLEMAN asked if SCHNEIR had read the file that referred to him (NEEDLEMAN) and when SCHNEIR replied he had, NEEDLEMAN commented that the testimony was entirely accurate. NEEDLEMAN stated that GOLD and BROTHMAN had come to see him at a time when he was House Counsel for Amtorg and his office was in Amtorg's place of business. NEEDLEMAN had told GOLD and BROTHMAN that he could not represent them because of his position with Amtorg. When GOLD had asked what he should do if the FBI came before he secured a lawyer, NEEDLEMAN had told him to "throw them out" unless they had a warrant. At this point NEEDLEMAN asked SCHNEIR what he would do if he were subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as to his conversation with NEEDLEMAN in asking for information about GOLD. SCHNEIR replied that he would refuse to answer on First Amendment grounds and if necessary would go to jail for it.

In answer to SCHNEIR's inquiry as to when he first met GOLD, NEEDLEMAN stated that a classmate of his at Cornell University, JULES KORCHIEN, had invited him to lunch where he introduced him to two individuals, GOLD and ABE BROTHMAN. NEEDLEMAN placed this lunch early in 1946. He stated that BROTHMAN explained that he was building vitamin producing plants for various countries and indicated that he wanted to do the same for Russia. BROTHMAN had then intimated that they (GOLD and BROTHMAN) had already done some work for the Russians and had a sum of money waiting for them in Russia. NEEDLEMAN pointed out that at this stage he told BROTHMAN that he should confine himself to merely talking business since Amtorg was only a business organization. NEEDLEMAN remarked to SCHNEIR that he believed that when BROTHMAN was speaking about a sum of money in Russia, he was doing it solely to impress NEEDLEMAN and furthermore he (NEEDLEMAN) considered GOLD to be a pathological liar. NEEDLEMAN went

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on to say that he finally arranged an interview for GOLD and BROTHMAN with SARIANOVICH (Phonetic) who was head of a special Russian commission dealing with vitamins. Although BROTHMAN had an opportunity to explain his proposition to SARIANOVICH, no deal was ever consummated.

NEEDLEMAN again mentioned that after having witnessed the interview between GOLD and BROTHMAN and SARIANOVICH, he obtained the impression that GOLD was "pathological." He added that what predisposed him to dislike GOLD was his talking about having done something for Russia and NEEDLEMAN remarked that if GOLD had actually performed some such duties, he should have kept his mouth shut. SCHNEIR then asked NEEDLEMAN if he could remember anything else of importance that GOLD had talked to him about along that line. Although most of NEEDLEMAN's reply to SCHNEIR's question was inaudible, the informant stated that NEEDLEMAN did say that he considered GOLD so unreliable that he did not want to hear anything about his activities. NEEDLEMAN further stated that GOLD might have assumed that a person who was counsel of Amtorg must be a Communist, but that such an assumption would only be made "by a nitwit."

SCHNEIR then asked NEEDLEMAN whether the story BROTHMAN had told the Grand Jury was substantially correct, namely that BROTHMAN met JACOB GOLOS about 1940 or 1941. During the meetings between GOLOS and BROTHMAN a woman named HELEN, who turned out to be ELIZABETH BENTLEY, was present. Later GOLD was sent along so that he could examine blueprints and arrange to explain them to GOLOS so that GOLOS could handle business with Amtorg. NEEDLEMAN said that he had no reason to doubt the foregoing story. NEEDLEMAN stated that actually he saw GOLD a total of two or three times. He added that he had the impression that BROTHMAN had believed GOLD's story about having a sum of money waiting for him in Russia in payment for "some extra-curricular activities" he had done for the Russians.

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SCHNEIR remarked that it seemed queer that BROTHMAN and GOLD would have to seek out NEEDLEMAN if they had already done such good work for Russia. NEEDLEMAN explained that if BROTHMAN and GOLD had been engaged in some type of spy apparatus for the Russians in the US, Amtorg would not necessarily know anything about it and in fact GOLD's and BROTHMAN's principal would not want them to go near Amtorg since such apparatuses would be kept separate and distinct. NEEDLEMAN added that this was true of most espionage operations regardless of the nation involved.

SCHNEIR remarked that there were a couple of people who had worked in the plant for BROTHMAN. NEEDLEMAN stated that he occasionally runs into one of them, but cannot remember his name. Mrs. SCHNEIR asked if this person could be OSCAR VAGO. NEEDLEMAN replied in the affirmative.

NEEDLEMAN said that he believed BROTHMAN now had a very lucrative job in Port Jervis, which he had obtained through some man he met while in jail. SCHNEIR commented that he and his wife had interviewed BROTHMAN and had been impressed with his keen mind. He said that BROTHMAN had talked for several hours about his past, but there were one or two things he had told them which appeared to be untrue. When SCHNEIR had asked when BROTHMAN met HARRY GOLD, he had replied that it was either in 1945 or 1946, but later in his conversation BROTHMAN had indicated that he knew GOLD several years earlier.

SCHNEIR asked NEEDLEMAN if he had ever heard of ALFRED D. SLACK. NEEDLEMAN recalled the case and mentioned that BILL REUBEN had written about him. SCHNEIR stated that HARRY GOLD had apparently paid SLACK to do certain industrial research. He asked if such research activities would fall within the operations of Amtorg. NEEDLEMAN replied that Amtorg would never sanction such activity or be involved in asking someone to do such research; however, NEEDLEMAN said that he

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did not rule out the possibility that some individual in Amtorg, while performing his regular duties at Amtorg, might on the side be in some kind of apparatus to secure information that was not part of Amtorg's business. SCHNEIR mentioned that when GOLD and SLACK were involved in this industrial research the time was about 1938. NEEDLEMAN pointed out that he would know nothing about such activity as he did not become associated with Amtorg until 1943. He added that he was sure that people who were now with Amtorg would know nothing of any possible association that GOLD or SLACK might have had with Amtorg in 1938, as it is the policy of Amtorg to change its personnel every four or five years.

When SCHNEIR asked NEEDLEMAN whether he had known JACOB GOLOS, NEEDLEMAN replied "He didn't know me. I knew him." NEEDLEMAN did not explain or amplify this reply.

In answer to NEEDLEMAN's question as to the type of book the SCHNEIRS were planning to write and why GOLD interested them as a subject for a book, SCHNEIR replied that there had never been a book by a popular publisher on the subject except for one by REUBEN and one by WEXLEY (Phonetic) and added that he had found certain deficiencies in both books, remarking that the book by REUBEN did not seem completely reliable in every respect. NEEDLEMAN assured SCHNEIR that BILL REUBEN would not hesitate to lie. SCHNEIR said that it was his belief that there was a whole new generation that knows nothing about HARRY GOLD and by interviewing as many people as possible who were in any way connected with GOLD, they were expecting to be able to tell the whole story as truthfully as possible. He went on to say that they were interested in writing not just a historical document, but wanted to put it in a logical context with what it means in terms of a tradition and what role GOLD filled. He said they would try to show what made GOLD important at this particular time and place whereas at another time or place he might have been in a mental institution or would have been of no importance at all.

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NEEDLEMAN asked SCHNEIR when GOLD was supposed to have been involved with FUCHS. SCHNEIR replied that their first meeting was in 1944, and GOLD was supposed to have also met FUCHS in 1945. NEEDLEMAN remarked that this supported the consensus of opinion that he had been part of an apparatus. SCHNEIR said that GOLD never mentioned getting any money from the Russians and GOLD had said that he paid his expenses himself. SCHNEIR remarked that this made GOLD's story all the more incredible since it showed no motivation for GOLD's action especially since he said he was not a Communist. He said that GOLD had stated that he did industrial espionage in order to pay off a debt for a friend who got him a job in the 1930's, and this led him into other work where finally he was doing missions which could have given him the death penalty. SCHNEIR said it was difficult to understand such action on the part of GOLD since with the latter there was neither ideology nor money involved.

NEEDLEMAN suggested that the SCHNEIRS attempt to interview GOLD to which SCHNEIR replied that they would like to but did not believe it possible. SCHNEIR added that they would also like to try and see FUCHS in East Germany. When NEEDLEMAN expressed surprise that SCHNEIR could afford a trip to Germany, SCHNEIR said that he had been doing fairly well lately selling articles to various publications such as "The Nation", "Redbook", and "The Reporter." One of his articles in "The Nation" was entitled "Campaign To Make Chemical Warfare Acceptable." Another of his articles is to appear in the October or November issue of "Better Homes and Gardens." SCHNEIR said that he is willing to accept an advance on his book, but wants to wait until next year because of income tax reasons. At the present time he is a Medical Editor for "M.D. Medical News Magazine."

NEEDLEMAN remarked that he had no objection to his name being used in the book, but preferred that it not be mentioned. NEEDLEMAN related how his name became involved in the JUDY COPLON trial. He said that he had met COPLON at a conference in Washington when Amtorg was asked to register as a foreign agent and

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COPLON had sat in on the conferences. At that time her name meant nothing to him. Later while JUDY COPLON's trial was in progress NEEDLEMAN read an account of it in the "New York Times" which mentioned that a decoy memorandum had been prepared and passed on to COPLON. The decoy memorandum implied that NEEDLEMAN, Counsel for Amtorg, was an FBI informant. NEEDLEMAN said that on reading this he was stunned and for a moment could not decide what to do. He finally went to the president of Amtorg and offered to resign if Amtorg had a doubt as to his loyalty. NEEDLEMAN said that the president embraced him and assured him that they knew he was not working for the FBI; however NEEDLEMAN said he was greatly upset for over a year and could not bear anyone joking about it.

In commenting on the COPLON case, NEEDLEMAN said he was convinced that she had engaged in espionage activities and did not believe her story that the material found in her purse was for the purpose of writing a book; however, he did not believe that she could have given the Russians anything of great value. He added that the COPLON family will not ask for return of the \$25,000.00 in bonds which they posted for JUDY COPLON's bail. He said that the family still get the coupons from the bonds, but do not want to do anything that would cause the Government to retry the case.

SCHNEIR then asked NEEDLEMAN's opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the ROSENBERGS. He said that in his opinion as a lawyer they did not receive a fair trial and were not adequately represented by counsel. He said that he did not feel that they stole the atom bomb, but did believe they were involved in some kind of espionage.

NEEDLEMAN concluded by saying that it was his opinion that HARRY GOLD had been some kind of Russian agent and BROTHMAN was aware of it.

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A review of the NY indices reflects that WALTER SCHNEIR is a writer who in May, 1958, was chairman of the Queens County Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and has attended a number of meetings of the committee. While at Syracuse University in 1949, he took part in a rally of the Young Progressives of America.



By means of a pretext call on 8/31/60, to the "M.D. Medical News Magazine", 30 E. 60th St., NYC, it was determined that SCHNEIR is employed by that publication as a news editor and was currently on a summer vacation.

The Queens Telephone Directory lists WALTER SCHNEIR, 42-34 Elbertson Ave., Elmhurst, LI, NY, telephone TW 8-1131.


The NY indices reflect that his wife, MIRIAM SCHNEIR, is a school teacher employed by the NYC Board of Education, and has attended meetings of the Queens County Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, since 1958.

The foregoing is for the Bureau's information and any further mention of the projected book by the SCHNEIRS will be brought promptly to the Bureau's attention.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 10/7/60	Investigative Period 7/28-8/21/60
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		Report made by 	Typed By: 
CLASSIFICATION BY 3832 on 10/16/78 EXEMPT FROM GDS, CATEGORY 2 DATE OF REVIEW 10/16/78		(U) SECRET b6 b7C	

REFERENCE:


Report of SA  dated
8/5/60, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being designated for the Washington Field, as that office has had interest in this case.

~~SECRET~~ On 8/23/60, NY 1537-*, a source which has furnished reliable information in the past and must be adequately protected furnished information concerning a conference which took place on that day between ISIDORE ('Gibby') NEEDLEMAN, a suspected Soviet Espionage Agent and Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SCHMIDT who advised they were writing a book about HARRY GOLD.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of source

File number where located

NY T-1
BERNARD LEVY,
General Post Office,
271 Washington St.,
Brooklyn, New York
to SA [REDACTED]

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LEADS

Will obtain information regarding the purchase of a home at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, by the subject and her husband.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau. (U) ~~SECRET~~
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☐ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
 There is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in anyway.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)
 her past participation in Soviet Espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type activity in the event of a national emergency.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
 ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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New York

Field Office File No. 10/7/60

New York 65-14932

Bureau File No.:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE-R

Synopsis:

Subject and family changed residence from 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, to 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, in early September, 1960.

DETAILS

On 9/21/60, Mr. MICHAEL SAVIE, Superintendent, 115-125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York, advised that the subject and family moved in early September, 1960 to 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. SAVIE stated that the SOCOLOVS had purchased the house at that address.

On 9/21/60, NY T-1, advised that his records indicated the subject and her family had moved in early September, 1960, from 125 Ashland Place to 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New York, New York

October 7, 1960

Re: Judith Coplon aka
Espionage-1

Reference is made to the report of Special
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as
above.

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The informant utilized in the report of Special
Agent [redacted] has furnished reliable
information in the past.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Director, FBI (Bufile- 65-58365)

10/10/60

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH SOCOLOV, aka
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Indicated Security Index cards

Location on
reverse side of geographical card.

☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

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<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent Socialist League
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____		
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Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)		
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Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility
Interested Agencies		65-14932-1304
Residence Address		SEARCHED INDEXED SERIALIZED FILED OCT 19 1960
161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York		

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REGISTERED MAIL

SAC, NEW YORK

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SUPERVISOR ARNOLD E. BRANDT (66-6182)

JUDITH COPLON
VALENTIN GUBITCHEV
ESPIONAGE - R

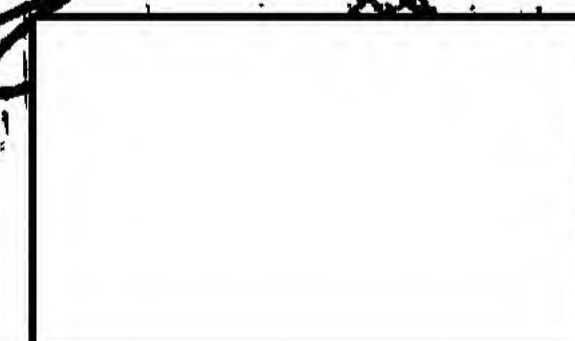
Reference is made to the memo of SA J. J. DANAHY dated 10/21/60 concerning certain material which is maintained in your safe with respect to the captioned matter and in accordance with the instructions of A. H. Belmont (memo 2/7/50) and of T. S. Miller (memo 10/17/57).

For your information, JUDITH COPLON is presently under indictment and has been under indictment since her conviction was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. At the time her conviction was reversed, the court affirmed the indictment and recommended a new trial. As a matter of fact, JUDITH COPLON has been continued on \$25,000.00 bond ever since her release on bail and no attempt has been made by her attorneys to secure release from bond or to quash the indictment. While because of circumstances which are peculiar to this particular case there appears little likelihood that the Government will move for a new trial in the immediate future, I believe that in view of the legal situation outlined above, the material referred to in the memo of reference should be maintained, as is presently the case, in your personal possession in accordance with the instructions of the trial court.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York
December 20, 1960

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you make available all background information which your files might contain concerning:

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Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Str. Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: 161 State Street, Bklyn. N.Y.

Method of Verification: Con Edison Records.

Neighborhood Source: + Observation of residence name plate. SI UNIT

Date: 12/14/60

Verified by SA: [redacted]

DATE 12/28/60

Employment: same - housewife.

Address:

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No Date Checked: Geographical Reference Number:Tab. Detcom: ☒ Yes ☐ Nob6
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Method of Verification:

Employment Source: alone.

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials: [signature]

Date: 12/22/60

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA dated
10/7/60, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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the WFO as that office has an interest in this case.

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Mr. FREDERICK FOEPPLE,

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Identity of
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Where Located

Personnel Service Bureau
Con Edison Company, NY,
furnished to SA GEORGE W. SCHNEIDER

LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will develop a neighborhood source regarding the
activities of subject and her husband.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
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Bureau File No.: 65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

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Synopsis:

Subject and husband owned 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, from at least 4/4/60 while still residing at 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn. Subject and family continue to reside 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY.

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DETAILS

On December 14, 1960 SA [redacted] observed the subject's husband's name on the residence name plate at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

On December 16, 1960 NY T-1 advised that his records reflect an account in the name of ALBERT H. SOCOLOV from April 4, 1960 for "Furnished Rooms Entire" at 161 State Street, Brooklyn. The informant said that this account is still active. The account, according to NY T-1 reflected SOCOLOV'S residence address on April 4, 1960 as 125 Ashland Place, Brooklyn, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
December 20, 1960

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title
Judith Coplon

Character
Espionage - R

Reference
is made to the report of Special
Agent [redacted] dated and captioned as above,
at New York.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Date 2/1/61

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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65-58365

Field Division
NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPLON

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RETAIN - POSSIBLE FUTURE EVIDENTIARY VALUE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T.S. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

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cc: **66-6649**

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TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka		Typed By: dmo	
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA HERBERT D. CLOUGH, Jr., 12/28/60, New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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INFORMANTS

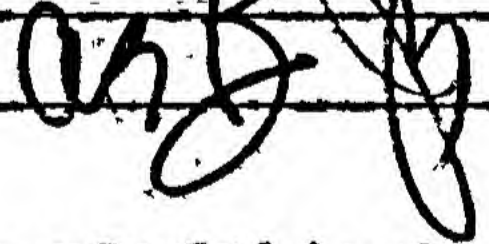


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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, NY

Will continue to follow subject's activities, utilizing logical sources and informants.

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Date:

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Office: NEW YORK

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Bureau File No.: 65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject and family continue to reside at 161 State St., Brooklyn, N.Y. Subject is well regarded as a mother and neighbor. Subject and husband participated in a neighborhood association against vice and drug addiction; made no statements disloyal to U.S.

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DETAILS:

On January 16, 1961, EDWARD L. BRAUNE, Legal Agent, New York Telephone Company, New York City, advised SA [redacted] that the subscriber to UL 5-6817, originally connected on May 12, 1952, was ALBERT SOCOLOV of 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. The Telephone Company records reflected SOCOLOV is a self-employed Attorney at 401 Broadway, New York City, and that he banks at the MERCHANTS BANK, Broadway Branch, New York City.

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On February 14, 1961, NY T-1 advised that [redacted]

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The identity of NY T-1 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The original documents from which the above information was obtained are no longer in the possession of the informant and he cannot testify to the above.

Neighborhood

On March 2, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised that they are acquainted with the subject and her family as neighbors as well as on a social basis. They advised that they frequently babysit with the subject's four children and described her and her husband as a devoted married couple. They commented that the subject, in their opinion, is a wonderful mother and an intelligent person.

The MIROW's advised that the SOCOLOVs were fine neighbors and they could not recall either of them making any political statements which would indicate that they were disloyal to the United States. Mrs. MIROW advised that she and her husband were participants in a neighborhood improvement association on State Street, as were the SOCOLOVs. The purpose of this association was strictly for the improvement and cleanup of vice and drug addiction in the neighborhood. She recalled that the SOCOLOVs were quite active in the group as they had worked hard in improving their home and converting it into a two-family apartment building. The SOCOLOVs occupy the top three floors and the bottom floor is rented to a young married couple.

Mrs. MIROW recalled the neighborhood association discussions, at times, took political tangents, mainly concerning

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pre-election discussions, and she recalled that the SOCOLOVs voiced their support of the then Presidential Candidate JOHN F. KENNEDY. Mr. MIROW advised that he recalled no statements made at any time by the SOCOLOVs which could be construed as anything but loyal to the United States. The MIROWS advised that the SOCOLOVs are known and liked in the neighborhood. They stated that they knew of no one in the neighborhood friendly with the SOCOLOVs who was employed by the United States Government or who would have, to their knowledge, access to any classified Government information.

The files of the New York Office, reviewed on February 28, 1961, failed to reflect any information regarding Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE MIROW.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
March 7, 1961

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. New York 65-14932,
Bureau 65-58365

Title Judith Coplon

Character Espionage - R

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
[redacted] at New York,
dated and captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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By Milton Lewis

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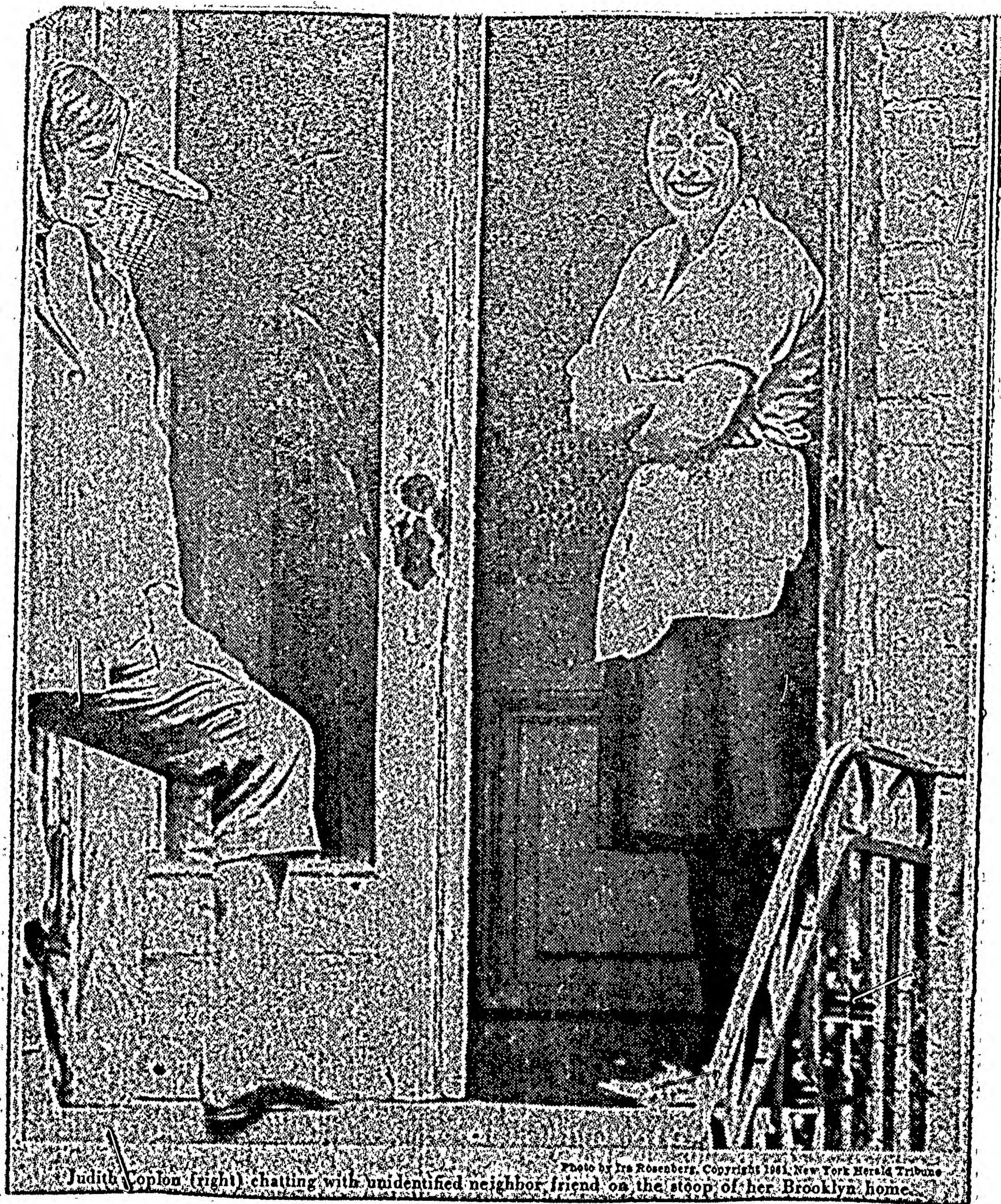


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Judith Coplon (right) chatting with unidentified neighbor friend on the stoop of her Brooklyn home.

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SEYMOUR LNU

SEYMOUR was a member of the Kensington LYL Club in Brooklyn from 1945 until he was last seen in 1950. He was also a member of the Kensington CP Youth Club from about 1948 to 1949. SEYMOUR is about 5'9" tall, 190-200 pounds, brown hair, heavy build, and would now be about 31 years old. Since SEYMOUR was last seen, HERBERT CELNICK mentioned that SEYMOUR was no longer a member of the CP. CELNICK also stated that SEYMOUR was married, worked as an electrician, and lived in the electrical workers cooperative houses on Linden Boulevard in Brownsville.

It is noted that the Government had been trying for years to deport SEYMOUR's mother; however, she was never deported.

SAMUEL J. NEWBERGER

NEWBERGER was the leader of the ALP in the 21st Assembly District South in Brooklyn. He was also the attorney who defended JUDITH COPLON. NEWBERGER was always affiliated with the left-wing group in the ALP during the time he was known from 1944 to 1950. However, no direct CP affiliations are known. One time the Flatbush CP Youth Group sought NEWBERGER's assistance when one of their colored members was arrested on a stabbing charge.

NEWBERGER's daughter, whose name is unknown, was a member of the Roosevelt Club Teenagers AYD in Flatbush during the period about 1948-1949. She was also in the Flatbush Teenagers YPA during this period. She would have been too young at this time to be a CP member. NEWBERGER's daughter once said, "Judith Coplon was just a poor lonely girl who made a mistake."

MARY MORRIS

MARY MORRIS was a county or state leader of the YPA during the period of about 1948-1950. About the beginning

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of about 1950, in her parent's home in the Ft. Green housing project in Brooklyn, she was heard to make the statement that she was then a CP and LYL member. MARY is a Negro who would now be about 36 or 37 years old. She was last seen in early 1950.

RUTH MORRIS

RUTH MORRIS was the president of the Ft. Green LYL Club during the period of about 1949-1950. RUTH, the sister of MARY MORRIS, would now be about 30 years old.

BESS LUMPKIN

BESS LUMPKIN is the daughter of HATTIE LUMPKIN CP leader in Buffalo. BESS was a member of the Bedford-Stuyvesant CP Youth Club about 1948-1949. She was county educational director of the LYL in 1949 to at least 1950, when she was last seen. BESS has a good singing voice and was married to a white merchant seaman and lived in Bedford-Stuyvesant. She was last seen in 1950 when she was still a CP member. However, about 1955 members of her family in Buffalo mentioned that she was well. She was presumably still in the Party at this time because if she had left the Party, members of her family, who were strong Party members, would have mentioned this. BESS was what some people in the Party might call an extreme Negro Nationalist.

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One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field Office, as that office has an interest in this case.

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LEADS:

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At New York, New York

1. Will attempt to identify HENRY LOSE, who occupies the ground floor of subject's house at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY.

2. Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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JUDITH COPLON

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Synopsis:

Subject and family continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY. One, HENRY ROSE, reported to be occupying a ground floor apartment in the subject's home. The "New York Herald Tribune" on 4/7/61, carried an article concerning subject, page 1, entitled "The Strange Spy Case of Judy Coplon". This article set forth the fact that 12 years later JUDITH COPLON, mother of four, was still at liberty on bail and that 12 years after her arrest on spy charges the case of JUDITH COPLON, whose "guilt is plain remains a legal nightmare.

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DETAILS:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC H. G. FOSTER

FROM : ASAC E. H. WINTERROWD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, aka
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DATE: 5/2/61

Former Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL called, and in your absence, spoke to the writer. He asked to see either you or the writer at 4:30 p.m. on 5/3/61.

The writer inquired as to whether there was anything which we might prepare for and, while he did not go into detail, Mr. BROWNELL said it had to do with some publicity appearing in the paper approximately one month ago concerning JUDITH COPLON.

The file copy of an article appearing in the "Herald Tribune" for 4/7/61, concerning JUDITH COPLON and her case, is attached hereto.

I telephonically informed Inspector DONALD MOORE of the Domestic Intelligence Division of Mr. BROWNELL's call and what it concerned. He asked that we promptly furnish the results of Mr. BROWNELL's visit.

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On 5/4/61, I telephonically advised former Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr. that mere tenance would not be reason for connotation of subversiveness but, however, we could not give any assurances as to the degree of association or any influence that might be exerted on the young couple by COPLON. I suggested he might wish to consider advising his friends to supply this office with information and go on record.

Mr. Brownell thanked me for the courtesy and said he thought this was a good idea.

The above information was furnished the Bureau by teletype.

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 CONCERNED ABOUT TENANCY AND DESIROUS OF KNOWING WHETHER SUBJECT
 HAS SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS. MR. BROWNELL STATED NOT IN
 POSITION TO NAME YOUNG COUPLE BUT INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER
 TENANCY HAD SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS. INVESTIGATION IN THIS
 CASE REVEALS A HENRY E. BOSE AND WIFE OCCUPYING GROUND FLOOR
 OF SUBJECT'S HOUSE. NO INFORMATION NYO IDENTIFIABLE WITH
 BOSE AND WIFE, HOWEVER, INVESTIGATION REVEALS HE IS LAW
 STUDENT AT NYU. MR. BROWNELL INFORMED MATTER WOULD BE CHECKED

① New York (65-14932)
 1- ASAC WINTERROWD

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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AND HE WOULD BE CONTACTED MAY FOUR INSTANT. MR. BROWNELL
WILL BE CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT MERE FACT THAT FRIENDS
DAUGHTER IS TENANT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SUBVERSIVE CONNOTATIONS
BUT THAT ^{WE}~~HE~~ CAN MAKE NO ASSURANCES SINCE DEGREE OF ASSOCIATION
AND INFLUENCE NOT KNOWN. HE WILL BE ADVISED THAT IF HIS
FRIEND DESIRES TO GO ON RECORD OR FURNISH INFORMATION SUCH
WILL BE MADE A MATTER OF RECORD.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State St., Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source: Henry E. Bose

Date: 6/8/61

Verified by SA: ASAC E.H.W. interview

Employment: Same

Address:

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Same

Date: 6/8/61

Verified by SA: Same

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed: 6/20/61

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials: [Signature]

Date: 6/20/61

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DATE

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JUDITH Coplon

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FILE # 65-14932

SPECIFIC PERSON TO BE CHECKED:

GREGORY MIROW

AGE

MARITAL STATUS

NATURALIZATION
DATA

PRESENT ADDRESS

163 State St. Bklyn.

RELATIONSHIP
TO SUBJECT

YEARS

FORMER ADDRESSES

YEARS

SPECIFIC YEARS TO BE CHECKED

SPECIFIC INFORMATION DESIRED:

PARTY PREFERENCE

BACKGROUND (Specify years)

PHOTOGRAPHS (Specify years)

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MIRON

Gregory Miron - 40/3 Date of reg 7/27/60
163 State St. NYS - 11 NYC - 6 ED - 5 mos
D.O.B. 6/19/30 P.O.B - USA Male - 5ft-6
Brun hair & eyes last reg 1959 from 111
Clark St, Bklyn

Employed - M. Jowenstein & Sons - 1430 Broadway
- NYC

Shirley Miron - 40/3 Date of reg 7/27/60
163 State St. NYS - 6 NYC - 6 ED - 5 mos
D.O.B - 6/18/32 P.O.B - USA Female 5ft 2 1/2 in
Blond hair blue eyes married last reg
1959 from 111 Clark St.

Bklyn Bd of elections
FC John Miron
6/2/61

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

5/29/61

Subject

HUGH STEPHENS

Aliases

Address

Atlanta Ga.

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐

Exact Spelling

☐

All References

☐

Main Subversive Case Files Only

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Subversive References Only

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Main Criminal Case Files Only

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[Signature]

TO: CHIEF CLERK

Date

5/29/61

Subject

MARGARET STEPHENS

Aliases

Address

Atlanta Ga

Birth Date

Birthplace

Race

Sex

☐ Male

☐ Female

- ☐ Exact Spelling ☐ Main Criminal Case Files Only ☐ Restrict to Locality of _____
☐ All References ☐ Criminal References Only
☐ Main Subversive Case Files Only ☒ Main Subversive (If no Main, list all Subversive References)
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alias Margaret Tencoschenko (I)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 5/25/61

FROM : SAC, Atlanta (65-8)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON CASE
ESPIONAGE

Enclosed please find postcard received in the
Atlanta Office May 24, 1961.

Atlanta indices are negative concerning
HUGH STEPHENS and MARGARET STEPHENS.

No further action being taken Atlanta.

See 10237

② - New York (Encl. 1) *in*
1 - Atlanta

HGR:hs
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6/6/61
No info in NY indices which came
be identified with Hugh + Margaret
Stephens. No further action to be taken.
JK

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		Report made by ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	Typed By: cp
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

Synopsis:
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REFERENCES:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, 4/26/61, NY.
NY teletype to Bureau, 5/5/61.
NY let to Bureau, 6/8/61.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is designated for the Washington Field Office, as that office has an interest in this case.

On 5/2/61, former Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL telephonically contacted ASAC E. H. WINTERROWD of the NYO and asked to see either SAC H. G. FOSTER or ASAC WINTERROWD at 4:30 p.m., on 5/3/61. BROWNELL said his visit to the NYO had to do with some publicity appearing in the paper approximately one month ago concerning JUDITH COPLON.

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On 5/3/61, BROWNELL telephonically contacted ASAC WINTERROWD and cancelled his appointment but did advise that a friend of his, whom he was reluctant to identify, has a daughter and son-in-law who are tenants of COPLAN at 161 State St., Brooklyn. His friend was highly concerned about tenancy and desirous of knowing whether tenancy has subversive connotations. BROWNELL stated he was not in a position to name the young couple but inquired as to whether tenancy had subversive connotations. He was informed the matter would be checked and he would be contacted on 5/4/61. Investigation previously conducted by the NYO had identified this couple as HENRY E. BOSE and wife and there was no information in the files of the NYO identifiable with BOSE and his wife.

On 5/4/61, ASAC WINTERROWD informed BROWNELL that no connotation of subversiveness could be attributed to his friend's daughter, who was allegedly a tenant of the subject. However, no assurance could be made as to the character of the daughter and son-in-law of his friend since the degree of association with the subject was not known. BROWNELL was advised that this office would be receptive of any information his friends might wish to offer.

On 5/8/61, HENRY BOSE appeared at the NYO and was interviewed by ASAC WINTERROWD. The results of this interview is set forth in the details of the report. BOSE volunteered to bring any matters concerning COPLAN that he thought would be of interest to the FBI to the attention of the NYO.

Mr. BOSE asked what course of action he should take regarding to living in the apartment in COPLAN's home. He was informed that this was a matter of his personal choice but that his views would be made a matter of record in the files of the FBI. He stated that the call from former Attorney General BROWNELL to the office was prompted by his father-in-law, Mr. HOWARD BUHSE, 1080 Fifth Avenue, NYC. Mr. BUHSE is a partner in Hornblower and Weeks, a well-known stock brokerage firm in NYC. Mr. BOSE said he would like to have the fact that his father-in-law asked him to come to this office also made a matter of record.

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LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of:

ROBERT S. KENNEMUR
6/30/61

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

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New York 65-14932

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65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

HENRY E. BOSE and wife identified as persons occupying basement apartment in subject's home at 161 State Street, Brooklyn. BOSE is law student at New York University, Washington Square, NY, NY. On 6/8/61, BOSE advised he rented apartment from subject in December, 1960, without knowing she was JUDITH COPLON. BOSE stated he has read the decisions involving the COPLON case and that she was released on procedural technicalities and he felt she was guilty.

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DETAILS:

On April 25, 1961, Miss MARIE DE BIASE, Secretary, Office of Associate Dean RALPH BISCHOFF, Vanderbilt Hall, New York University, Washington Square, New York, New York, advised IC GEORGE P. ULLRICH that HENRY E. BOSE, 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, was attending New York University Law School. She stated BOSE had been attending New York University Law School since February, 1959, to present, including summers. BOSE is a graduate of Princeton University, having graduated in June, 1957, with a B.S.E. Degree.

Miss DE BIASE further advised that BOSE was born on July 2, 1935, at Jersey City, New Jersey. In February, 1960, he gave as his local address 311 East 72nd Street, New York 21, New York. He had listed his employment as United Cork Companies, Kearney, New Jersey. His father was listed as HENRY H. BOSE, 208 Ridge Road, Rutherford, New Jersey.

On June 8, 1961, HENRY EDWARD BOSE appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and advised ASAC E. H. WINTERROWD that he wished to go on record as to his feelings concerning JUDITH COPLON and to advise that he had no sympathy whatsoever for her and her involvement in activity which, in his consideration, was tantamount to treason. Mr. BOSE stated he is a student at New York University Law School and he advised he had read the decisions involving the COPLON case and that she was released only on procedural technicalities. He said he felt she was guilty.

He said he has never engaged in any conversation with COPLON or her husband concerning the case and that he had never had any discussions with them involving anything having political ramifications. As to association between Mr. BOSE and his wife with COPLON and her husband, he said it has been purely a landlord-tenant relationship and there have been infrequent occasions when they have met. As a law

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student, he has asked some questions of COPLON's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV concerning points he was interested in as a law student.

Mr. BOSE said they took occupancy of the apartment in December, 1960, and have a two year lease. At the time, they rented the premises through a real estate agent and did not know the owner Mrs. SOCOLOV who, was in fact JUDITH COPLON. It was only after the publicity in the Herald Tribune that they learned the identity of COPLON.

BOSE advised that at no time has either COPLON or her husband ever discussed her case or any publicity concerning her with him or his wife. BOSE further stated that he has observed nothing unusual on the part of the SOCOLOVS.

DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

6/8/61

SAC, NY (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON, aka;
ESP, R

ReNYtels 5/3,4/61 concerning telephone call of former AG Herbert Brownell, Jr. It is recalled that at that time an unidentified client of Mr. Brownell was concerned over his daughter and son-in-law occupying an apartment in the building owned by COPLON and her husband. Mr. Brownell was advised at the time that no connotation of subversiveness could be attributed to any tenancy in the COPLON building but that no assurances could be made as to the character of the tenants he had in mind.

Mr. Brownell subsequently identified the tenants as Mr. and Mrs. HENRY BOSE and advised Mr. BOSE would be contacting this office.

On 6/8/61, HENRY EDWARD BOSE, who has leased an apartment from COPLON and her husband, appeared at NYO and stated he wished to go on record as to his feelings concerning the COPLON woman and to advise that he had no sympathy whatsoever for her and her involvement in activity which, in his consideration, was tantamount to treason. Mr. BOSE is a student at NY University Law School. He advised he had read the decisions involving the COPLON case and that she was released only on procedural technicalities. He said he felt she was guilty.

Mr. BOSE said he has never engaged in any conversation with COPLON or her husband concerning the case and that he had never had any discussions with them involving anything having political ramifications. As to association between Mr. Bose and his wife with COPLON and her husband, he said it has been purely a landlord-tenant relationship and there have been infrequent occasions when they have met. As a law student, he has asked some questions of COPLON's husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV concerning points he was interested in as a law student.

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Mr. BOSE said they took occupancy of the apartment in December, 1960 and have a 2-year lease. At the time, they rented the premises through a real estate agent, and did not know the owner, Mrs. SOCOLOV was in fact JUDITH COPLON. It was only after the publicity in the Herald Tribune that they learned the identity of COPLON. At no time has either COPLON or her husband ever discussed her case or any publicity concerning her with Mr. BOSE.

Mr. BOSE has observed nothing unusual on the part of the SOCOLOWS. He volunteered to bring any matters that he thought would be of interest to the FBI to the attention of the NYO.

Mr. BOSE asked what course of action he should take. He was informed that this was a matter of his personal choice but that his views would be made a matter of record in the files of the FBI. He stated that the call from former AG Brownell to this office was prompted by his father-in-law, Mr. HOWARD BUNSE, 1080 Fifth Avenue, NYC. Mr. BUNSE is a partner in Hornblower and Weeks, a well-known stock brokerage firm in NYC. Mr. Bose said he would like to have the fact that his father-in-law asked him to come to this office also made a matter of record.

Above being brought to Bureau's attention for information and no further action being taken by this office.

8/1/61

Date

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T.S. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

~~Synopsis:~~
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, 6/30/61, at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

In the interview with Mrs. GREGORY MIROW on 8/21/61, Mrs. MIROW said she had seen the article about JUDITH COPLON in the 4/7/61, issue of the NY "Herald Tribune" and she thought it was "terrible" that the photographer had taken the photograph of COPLON and her friend standing on the steps of COPLON's home. She commented "That could have been me if I had happened to be visiting her at the time". Her objection to the photograph was that it placed the friend of COPLON's in the position of being "guilty by association" when she could have been entirely innocent of COPLON's true identity, or knowing her true identity, she could have been someone passing by who had stopped to chat with COPLON. It appeared that Mrs. MIROW's main

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concern was that under different circumstances it could possibly have been her in the photograph with COPLON.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

At Washington, D.C.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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Report of:

ROBERT S. KENNEMUR

Office:

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Date:

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Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE-R

Synopsis:

Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State St., Brooklyn, NY, advised subject continues to reside at 161 State St., Brooklyn, and is a housewife. SOCOLOVS did not take vacation this summer.

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DETAILS:

On August 21, 1961, Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR that JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV and her family continue to reside at 161 State Street, which is next door to the MIROW residence, and Mrs. SOCOLOV is a housewife. She said the SOCOLOVS had been very busy this summer putting an addition on the rear of their home and they have not been away on a vacation. She said they did spend one weekend on Long Island, where they visited one of their daughters who was in summer camp there. Mrs. MIROW said she kept the youngest SOCOLOV boy while the SOCOLOVS were away that weekend and the other children were left with friends of the SOCOLOVS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC

65-14932

DATE: 9/22/61

FROM : SA

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
161 State St., Bklyn

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Sgt. [REDACTED] advised that information had come to the attention of BSS from Det. [REDACTED] 82nd Sqd that subject is holding meetings on weekends. Large groups are attending.

Sgt. [REDACTED] advised that the normal procedure in a matter of this nature would be to set it up for immediate investigation to determine the nature of the meetings, the people attending and other facts about the case.

Sgt. [REDACTED] however, did not want to set this up for investigation if it would hamper in any way the interest that the FBI might have in JUDITH COPLON.

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Sgt. [REDACTED] was advised that the matter would be checked into by the writer and he would be advised as how to proceed. To whether the FBI has any objection to their investigation.

Noted sent 9/26/61
[Signature]

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, aka
ESPIONAGE - R

On 9/22/61, Sgt. [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that information had come to the attention of BSS from Det [redacted] of the 82nd Squad, on 9/21/61, that subject is holding meetings on weekends in her home at 161 State St., Brooklyn, NY.

Sgt. [redacted] advised that the normal procedure in a matter of this nature would be to set it up for immediate investigation to determine the nature of the meetings, the people attending and other facts about the case.

Sgt. [redacted] however, did not want to set this up for investigation if it would hamper in any way the interest that the FBI might have in JUDITH COPLON.

Sgt. [redacted] was advised that the matter would be checked by SA [redacted] and he would be advised as to whether the FBI has any objections to their investigation.

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UACB 10/2/61, the NYO will advise BSS that we have no objection to BSS determining the nature of the meetings, the people attending and other facts obtainable about the meetings.

It is noted that in an interview with subjects next door neighbor, Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State St., on 3/2/61, Mrs. MIROW stated that subject and her husband were very active in a neighborhood improvement association for the improvement of the neighborhood and cleanup of vice and drug addiction in the neighborhood. UACB this information will be furnished to Sgt. [redacted] to assist him in the event these meetings are of the above nature.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEDY dated 8/23/61 at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 9/22/61 Sergeant [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that information had come to the attention of HSS from Detective SHEA of the 82nd Squad on 9/21/61 that subject is holding meetings on weekends in her home at 161 State St., Brooklyn, NY.

Sergeant [redacted] advised that the normal procedure in a matter of this nature would be to set it up for immediate investigation to determine the nature of the meetings, the people attending, and other facts about the case. Sergeant [redacted] however, did not want to set this up for investigation if it would hamper in any way the interest that the FBI might have in JUDITH COPLON.

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Sergeant [] was advised that the matter would be checked by SA [] and he would be advised as to whether the FBI has any objection to their investigation.

NY airtel to the Bureau dated 9/26/61 stated that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau by 10/2/61, the NYO would advise BSS that we have no objection to their determining the nature of the meetings, the people attending, and other facts obtainable about the meetings. On 10/4/61 SA [] advised BSS that we had no objection to their investigating this matter and we would like to be advised of the results of their investigation.

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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD (Information)

At Washington, D. C.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will maintain contact with BSS to determine the results of their investigation of the meetings being held at subject's home on the weekends.

2. Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **there is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.**
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **nor previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.**
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Report of:

ROBERT S. KENNEDY

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

10/31/61

Field Office File No.:

65-14932

Bureau File No.:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State St., Brooklyn, NY, advised subject continues to reside at 161 State St., Brooklyn, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

On October 30, 1961, Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA ROBERT S. KENNEDY that JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV and her family continue to reside at 161 State Street, which is next door to the MIROW residence.

Mrs. MIROW said that Mrs. SOCOLOV is not gainfully employed and is occupied full time as a housewife.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State St. Bklyn, NYd

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same
Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source: Mrs. Guyon minor

Date: 10/30/61

Verified by SA: R. K. Korman

Employment:

Address: Same

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Mrs. Mrow

Date: 10/30/61

Verified by SA: R. K. Korman

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed: 11/8/61

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials: R. K. Korman

Date: 11/9/61

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		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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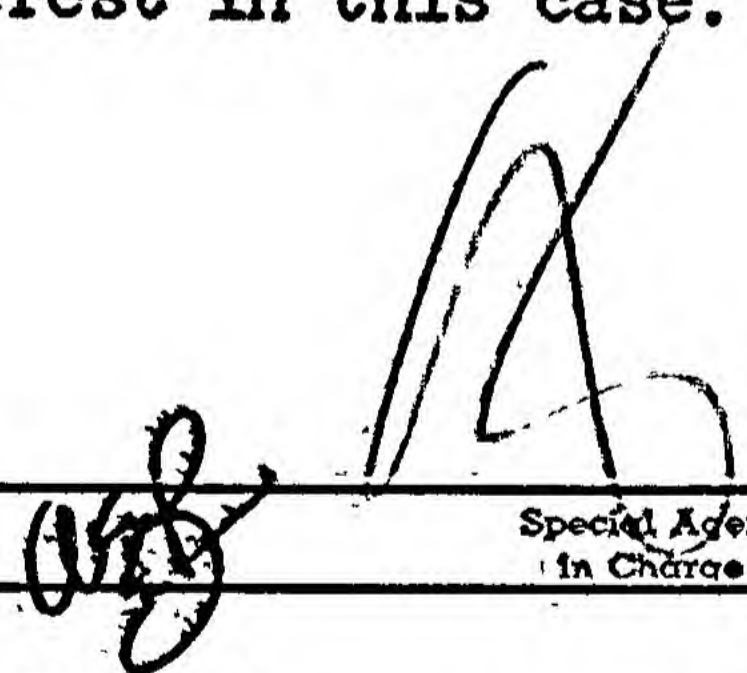
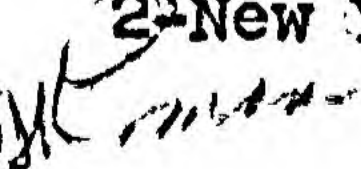
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dated 10/31/61, at NY.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

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interest in this case.

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At New York, New York

1. Will contact BSS to determine the results of their investigation of the meetings being held at subject's home on the weekends.

2. Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:ROBERT S. KENNEMUR
12/27/61

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

65-14932

Bureau File No.:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State St.,
Brooklyn, NY, advised subject
continues to reside at 161 State
Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a
housewife.

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DETAILS:

On December 21, 1961, Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, (next door neighbor of subject) advised SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR that JUDITH (COPLON) SOCOLOV continues to reside with her husband and children at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. MIROW said subject continues to be employed as a housewife. She stated she had observed no unusual activity on the part of the subject.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 12-5-58)

Date 2/1/62

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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Title and Character of Case JUDITH COPLOE ESP-R

Date Property Acquired 3/8/49	Source From Which Property Acquired SEE SERIAL 139
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit VAULT	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same EVIDENCE RETAIN
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same Key ring with 9 keys. T. S. MILLER

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NY (65-14932-)
FROM : SA Robert S. Kennemur
SUBJECT: JUDITH Coplon
Espionage - R

DATE: 2/19/62

on 2/19/62 Mrs. Gregory Mrow 163 State
St., Brooklyn, NY was contacted by SA Robert S. Kennemur
re residence and employment of subject. During this contact
Mrs. Mrow stated she did not wish to be contacted in the
future re subject as she did not wish to continue
furnishing information re subject. She said that

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in the event information came to her attention which she thought should be passed on to the FBI she would gladly do this but she did not want to be contacted any more concerning subject's residence and employment.

In view of Mrs. Mrow's attitude in this matter now, no further contact will be had with Mrs. Mrow or her husband Gregory Mrow.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 2/28/62	Investigative Period 12/27/61 - 2/19/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON, aka		Report made by ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	Typed By: mmc
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE - R	

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 12/27/61,
at NY.


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ADMINISTRATIVE:

On 1/12/62, BSS, NYCPD advised SA [redacted] that "a contact" (of BSS) attended a meeting in the home of subject at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, in November, 1961. Subject was not present, but her husband did attend and he spoke on improving the neighborhood, getting rid of drunks, prostitutes and etc.

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This appears to be the same type of meeting that Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, NYO source, advised was being held under the auspices of the State Street Improvement Association of which subject and her husband are members.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFO)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT S. KENNEMUR
Date: 2/28/62

Office: NEW YORK

Field Office File No.: 65-14932

Bureau File No.: 65-58365

Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, advised subject continues to reside at 161 State Street and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

On February 19, 1962, Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, (next door neighbor of subject) advised SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR that JUDITH (COPLON) SOCOLOV continues to reside with her husband and children at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. She said subject continues to be employed as a housewife.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 65-14932
KENNEMUR #33

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

February 21, 1962

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Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

RECORDS FURNISHED
BY EDWARD L. BRAUNE TO

JAMES M. ANDERSON

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

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(N.P.)

ALBERT H. SOCOLOV

161 State Street

Brooklyn, New York

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. Foster

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

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The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card:

Residence: 161 State St. Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same
 Method of Verification: 2/21/62
 Neighborhood Source: Mrs. Gregory Miran (now discontinued)
 Date:
 Verified by SA: R. Kemmerer

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Employment:
 Address: Same

Labor Union Affiliation

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Checked: Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Method of Verification:

Employment Source: Mrs. Gregory Miran (now discontinued)
 Date: 2/21/62
 Verified by SA: R. Kemmerer

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed 3/28/62

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials R. Kemmerer

Date 3/28/62

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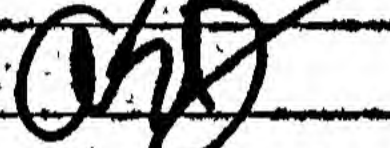
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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date APR 20 1962	Investigative Period 2/28-4/9/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		Report made by ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	Typed By: dtz
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R,	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 2/28/62.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where identities must be concealed.

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is designated for Washington Field Office as that office has an interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York:

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT S. KENNEMUR Office: New York, New York
Date: APR 20 1962
Field Office File No.: 65-14932 Bureau File No.: 65-58365
Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 advised on February 20, 1962, that ALBERT SOCOLOV, subject's husband, advised a friend that he had bought a house in Brooklyn Heights and was remodeling it.

Mrs. GREGORY MIROW, 163 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, advised during the summer of 1961, that the SOCOLOVS were remodeling their house at 161 State Street and that they were adding a new room on the back of the house.

On April 6, 1962, NY T-2 advised that the SOCOLOVS continued to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. Informant further advised that he is aware that Mrs. SOCOLOV is the former JUDITH COPLON.

Informant said he had seen Mrs. COPLON on April 5, 1962, at 161 State Street and often sees her there with her children and for this reason he presumes she does not work but is employed as a housewife.

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REPORTING OFFICE: NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE JUN 21 1962	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/9-6/14/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLOH aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEDY	TYPED BY pl
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESPIONAGE-R	

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Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, dated 4/20/62, at New York.

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Identity of Source

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

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Washington Field (Information)

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New York

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subjects activities through established sources and informants.

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Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

ROBERT S. KENNEDY

JUN 21 1962

Field Office File No.:

65-14932

Office:

New York, New York

Bureau File No.:

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Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 advised on June 12, 1962 that ALBERT and JUDITH SOCOLOV continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. Informant further advised he is aware that Mrs. SOCOLOV is the former JUDITH COPLON.

Informant said he had seen Mrs. SOCOLOV during the previous week and as he often sees her during the day with her four children, he presumes she is employed full-time as a housewife.

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TO: [REDACTED]

Date: 6/11/62

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Furnish data on items checked below to the New York Office.

File No. 65-14932

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From 1948 year.

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Type of Information	Available Information	Corrections & Additions
1. Account Number		088-12-6917
2. Name	JUDITH COPLON, aka Mrs. Albert Socolov	Judith Coplon
3. Date of Birth	XXXXXX 5/17/21	5-17-21
4. Place of Birth	Brooklyn, N.Y. OK	
5. Father's Name	Samuel Coplon	Samuel Morris Coplon
6. Mother's Maiden Name		Rebecca Moroh
7. Race	White OK	
8. Names & Addresses of most recent employer(s)	9/42 13-1188180 P-1 The Psychological Corp 304 East 45th Street New York 17, New York	
9. Address & Date on Form SS-5	2506 Avenue "S" Brooklyn, New York	
10. Remarks		

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R. K. [Signature]
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- (1) Furnish Form FD-266 in duplicate to Baltimore. One copy of form will be returned to your office with the data requested set forth in column 3 or in Items 8, 9, or 10.
- (2) Items 1 and 2 or Items 2 and 3 in column must be furnished in order to conduct a search.
- (3) Check (/) data desired in block A, B or C. Requests for data under Items B and C should be limited. If Item C is desired, indicate year from which complete employment desired or if all employment desired indicate "all."
- (4) Do not write in spaces 8, 9, or 10 below double spaced line. Do not write in column 3.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File

65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State St. Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

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Verified by SA:

R. Kerner

Employment:

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Address:

Key Facility:

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Tab Detcom:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

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Verified by SA:

R. Kerner

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau:

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

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Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Seized as Evidence
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Date 8/1/62

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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Title and Character of Case

**JUDITH COPLON
ESP-R**

Date Property Acquired 3/8/49	Source From Which Property Acquired SEE SERIAL 139
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Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit VAULT	Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same RETAIN FOR PROSECUTION
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Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T.B. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/24/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/14-8/14/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	TYPED BY all
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

REFERENCE

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, dated 6/21/62 at NY.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On 7/5/62, [] advised there was no record of employment for JUDITH COPLON, Social Security number 088-12-6917, since 9/42, when she was employed by the Psychological Corp., 304 East 45th Street, New York 17, NY. Source advised there was no record of employment for Mrs. ALBERT COCOLOV.

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Brooklyn, NY

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

There is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT S. KENNEMUR Office: New York, New York
Date: 8/21/62
Field Office File No.: 65-14932 Bureau File No.: 65-58365
Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street,
Brooklyn and is a housewife.

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DETAILS

NY T-1 advised on August 14, 1962, that ALBERT and JUDITH SOCOLOV continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. (Informant is aware that Mrs. SOCOLOV is the former JUDITH COPLON.)

Informant said he sees Mrs. SOCOLOV and her children at the above address three or four times a week. He also stated that to the best of his knowledge the SOCOLOVS have not taken a vacation this summer and he has not been advised of any intentions for a vacation later on in the summer.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV aka.

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Bklyn, NY

Employment: Housewife

Address: Housewife

Labor Union Affiliation:

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same
 Method of Verification: T. MAREYAN, Postal Inspector's Office, GPO, 33 + 8, NYC
 (via carrier)

Neighborhood Source:

Date: 10-29-62

Verified by SA: Douglas B. White

Employment: Same
 Address:

Labor Union Affiliation

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date Checked: Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date: 10/29/62 Same as Residence Source

Verified by SA: D. B. White

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 11/7/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/14/62-10/30/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	TYPED BY emc
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	


REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 8/24/62 at NY.

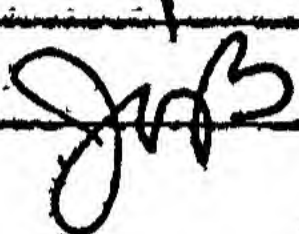

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INFORMANTS:

The confidential informants who were checked for information regarding Communist Party activity on the part of the subject are as follows:

<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacting Agent</u>
	9/26/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	9/26/62	JOHN A. HAAG
	9/27/62	JOHN A. HAAG

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Identity of Source

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report is designated for Washington Field Office as that office has an interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities through established sources and informants.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

There is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.

11. ☐ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☒ Subject's activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

ROBERT S. KENNEMUR

11/7/62

Field Office File No.:

65-14932

Office:

New York, New York

Bureau File No.:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE-R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife. Informants know of no Communist Party activity on the part of the subject.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 advised on October 29, 1962, that subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Informant says he continues to see subject and her children at the above address several times a week and for this reason presumes she is employed only as a housewife.

Confidential informants who have some knowledge of Communist Party activity in the New York City area advised in September, 1962, that they knew of no Communist Party activity on the part of subject.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
November 7, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title

Judith Coplon

Character

Espionage-R

Reference

in made to the report of Special
Agent Robert S. Kennesur dated and captioned as above at
New York.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 12/26/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/7/62 - 12/18/62
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	TYPED BY mrk
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP - R	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 11/7/62
at NY.

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NY 65-14932

LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to follow subject's activities from established sources and informants.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: ROBERT S. KENNEMUR Office: New York, New York
Date: 12/26/62
Field Office File No.: 65-14932 Bureau File No.: 65-58365
Title: JUDITH COPLON

Character: ESPIONAGE - RUSSIA

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 advised on December 13, 1962, that the subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Informant said he continues to see the subject and her children at the above address several times each week, and for this reason, presumes she is employed only as a housewife.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
December 26, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

BU 65-58365
NY 65-14932

Title Judith Coplon

Character Espionage -- Russia

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent Robert S. Kennemur, dated and captioned
as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

All informants are of known reliability.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 12-5-58)

Date

2/1/63

☐ Check, when submitting semiannual inventory, if no previous correspondence with Bureau.

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Field Division

NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JUDITH GOPLON
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

Source From Which Property Acquired

3/8/49

JED SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

VAULT

EVIDENCE-RETAIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. S. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

Field File #

✓ 65-14932-1364 mth

cc: 66-6649

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65-14932-1343

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 2/25/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/18/62 - 2/14/63
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	TYPED BY mvl
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

REFERENCE


Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 12/26/62.

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NY 65-14932

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

One copy of this report designated for Washington Field Office as that office has an interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

1. Will place case in a Pending Inactive status and will check in six months to determine subject's residence, employment and activities.

2. Established sources and informants will remain alert for any information concerning subject's activities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

ROBERT S. KENNEMUR
2/25/63

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

65-14932

Bureau File No.:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE-R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street,
Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 advised on February 14, 1963, that the subject
continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Informant said he continues to see subject at home
during the day practically on a daily basis and for this reason
presumes she is employed only as a housewife.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 25, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title Judith Coplon

Character Espionage-R

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent Robert S. Kennemur, dated and captioned as above,
at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARD

MEMORANDUM RE:

JUDITH SOCOLOV *Levy*

Office File

65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

BKLYN#82

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
 Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
 Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Method of Verification

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date Checked:

Geographical Reference Number:

Tab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria
☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agents Initials

Date

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TO: SAC, NY (65-14932)

7/25/63

From: SA W.C. GUTHRIE JR.

Subj - JUDITH COPLON
ESP-R

Re Disposition of Exhibits in this case.

The exhibit is being retained for possible evidentiary value. It is conceivable that the items in the exhibit might be useful in future trials or hearings.

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Date 3/1/63

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Field Division

NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPLON
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired

3/3/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE - RETAIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. J. MILLER

Key ring with 9 keys.

Field File #

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC ny (65-14932)

FROM : SA Robert S. Kennedy

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON

DATE:

8/5/63

Esp - R.

It is recommended that this case be made active inasmuch as six months report is due.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 8/20/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/14 - 8/12/63
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY ROBERT S. KENNEMUR	TYPED BY Job
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR dated 2/25/63.

INFORMANTS:Identity of SourceFile Number Where Located

NY T-1

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NY 65-14932

LEADS:

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

At Washington, DC

One copy of this report is designated for Washington Field as that office has an interest in this case.

NEW YORK

At New York, NY

Established sources and informants will remain alert for any information concerning subject's activities and report concerning subject's residence, employment and activities will be submitted in six months.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:ROBERT S. KENNEDY
8/20/63

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

65-14932

Bureau File #:

65-58365

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

On 8/12/63, NY T-1 advised that subject, her husband ALBERT SOCOLOV, and her children continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. Source advised that to date subject and her family have not taken a vacation this summer and he did not know of any plans of theirs for a vacation.

Informant said he continues to see subject on a daily basis doing housework at 161 State Street and for this reason presumes she is employed only as a housewife.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York

August 20, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. **BU 65-58365**
NY 65-14932

Title **Judith Coplon**

Character **Espionage - R**

Reference **is made to the report of Special Agent Robert S. Kennecur, dated and captioned as above at New York.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, NEWARK (100-46304)

9/20/63

SAC, NEW YORK (100-147609) (RUC)

RAY BIRNBAUM, aka
SM-C
(OO:Newark)

Re Newark letters to NY 8/6/63, 9/16/63.

The current Brooklyn, NY, telephone directory reflects that telephone number ES 5-2201 is registered to BEN FELD, 230 Quentin Road, Brooklyn, NY.

The current Westchester County, NY, telephone directory reflects that telephone number YO 8-6780 is registered to HAROLD SILVERMAN, 140 St. John's Ave., Yonkers, NY, and telephone number CR 1-3755 is registered to ALVIN SINDERBRAND, Fox Road, Croton-On-Hudson, NY.

Information concerning BEN FELD is set forth in NY letter to Bureau, copy to Newark, dated 1/26/62, entitled PESSIA LICHTFELD, aka Feliksa, IS-PO-SOBLR (NY 105-53088, NK 105-11905). No other information identifiable with BEN FELD was located in the indices of the NYO.

NY 100-113104, entitled HAROLD MARTIN SILVERMAN, SM-C, reflects the following pertinent information:

He resided at 140 St. John's Ave., Yonkers, NY, as of 7/1/63 and is listed as a potential clandestine radio operator by the NYO.

On 10/8/56 SA [redacted] reviewed the records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, and they reflected that Mrs. MILDRED BLAUVELT (on assignment by the NYCPD) was a member of the CP from 4/43-11/51 and reported that she attended Executive Section meetings of membership directors and treasurers of the CP at the home of SILVERMAN and his wife, PAULA, from 11/26/47 (when they lived in Brooklyn, NY) until 2/3/49 (when they moved to Yonkers, NY).

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NY 100-147609

On 1/19/53 former [redacted] (conceal by request, has furnished reliable information in the past) advised that he had learned from the CP organizer, Yonkers, NY, that she had visited SILVERMAN's home to register him for the CP for the year 1953. This informant also advised that in the latter part of 1953 a meeting was held at SILVERMAN's home in behalf of the MORTON SOBELL Committee. SILVERMAN also held a dinner at his home during the Spring of 1954 to raise funds for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

On 3/19/54 former [redacted] advised that SILVERMAN attended an Executive Committee meeting of the ALP in Yonkers, NY, and he added that he was of the opinion that everyone present was a member of the CP.

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NY 65-14932, entitled JUDITH COPLON, Espionage-R, reflects the following information regarding ALVIN SINDERBRAND who resided on Mt. Airy Road, Croton-On-Hudson, N.Y., in 1955, and who may be identical with the above named ALVIN SINDERBRAND:

On 3/25/49 ALVIN SINDERBRAND was interviewed by Special Agents of the FBI. He advised that he and his wife, LORRAINE, were acquainted with JUDITH COPLON, but had not been aware of the fact that she was sympathetic to Communism and they had been shocked when she was arrested for espionage.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: 10/2/63

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: BULKY EXHIBIT REVIEW

JUDITH COPLAND

ESP-R

Re memo Asst. Dir. Malone 9/16/63

Exhibits 1B 133 and 16221 reviewed and should
be retained as possible evidence.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation: BKLYN#82

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoKey Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoSecurity Flash: ☒ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Same
Robert S. Kernum

Employment:

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Geographical Reference Number

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed: 10/22/63

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials: RAC

Date: 10/23/63

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Date

2/1/64

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65-58365

Field Division

NEW YORK

Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPLON
ESP-R

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE - RETAIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

SA T. J. MILLER

Key Ring with 9 keys.

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: SOCOLOV, JUDITH
65-14932

Office File

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoKey Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoSecurity Flash: ☒ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Method of Verification: Same

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA: Ralph J. Miller

Employment:

Address: Same

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Geographical Reference Number

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

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Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA: Ralph J. Miller

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does Not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials RDM

Date 4/13/64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 4/15/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/10-13/64
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLON aka		REPORT MADE BY RALPH F. MILLER	TYPED BY ad
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ROBERT S. KENNEMUR, dated 8/20/63.

INFORMANTSIdentity of Source

NY T-1

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WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

One copy of this report is designated for Washington Field as that office has an interest in this case.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Established sources and informants will remain alert for any information concerning subject's activities and report concerning subject's residence, employment and activities will be submitted in six months.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

RALPH F. MILLER
April 15, 1964

Office:

New York, New York

Field Office File No.:

New York 65-14932

Bureau File No.:

65-20305

Title:

JUDITH COPLON

Character:

ESPIONAGE - R

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, NY, and is a housewife.

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DETAILS:

On April 13, 1964, NY T-1 advised that subject, her husband ALBERT SOCOLOV, and her children continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. Source stated that he sees subject on an almost daily basis and from all indications she is employed only as a housewife. Source further stated that he has neither seen nor heard anything indicating the SOCOLOVs are engaged in any other than normal neighborhood activities.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**New York, New York
April 15, 1964**

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

Title

Judith Coplan

Character

Espionage - R

Reference

**is made to the report of
Special Agent Ralph F. Miller, dated and captioned as
above, at New York.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 4/22/64

FROM : SUP. ARNOLD E. BRANDT, #33

SUBJECT : JUDITH SOLOV
ESP-R

Bureau teletype dated 4/13/64 instructed that a letterhead memorandum be disseminated to Secret Service on all Security Index cases. Captioned subject is listed on the Security Index by virtue of previous Espionage or Internal Security-R connections. Accordingly, a letterhead memorandum must be prepared on this subject.

The Agent to whom this matter is assigned will review the instructions of Supervisor WARREN T. MARCHESSAULT dated 4/20/64, which is available on the Section 33 Supervisor's desk, and will thereafter conduct such file review and investigation as may be necessary and rough draft an appropriate letterhead memorandum.

Since this entire project must be completed within 30 days, each Agent should complete his assignment within 10 working days of the date of this memorandum.

~~OPEN (OR REOPEN) CASE _____~~
~~ORIGIN _____ DATE _____~~
~~SUPV _____ SECT _____~~

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FBI - NEW YORK

R. F. Miller

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New York, New York
May 8, 1964

Bufile 65-58365
NYfile 65-14932

Re: Judith Coplon Socolov

Judith Coplon Socolov resides at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is a housewife with several children. She is married to Albert H. Socolov, an attorney.

She was born May 17, 1921, in Brooklyn, and is described as five feet one inch, dark brown hair, medium complexion, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number 157539A.

Judith Coplon Socolov was convicted in Washington, D.C., on June 30, 1949, of stealing classified Justice Department documents, and in New York, on March 7, 1950, together with Valentine A. Gubitchev, a Soviet national, for violation of the espionage statutes. On December 5, 1950, the Circuit Court of Appeals in New York set aside her conviction in New York although noting her "guilt is plain". The Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., on June 2, 1951, upheld her conviction there but held she was entitled to a lower court hearing regarding allegations of wiretaps. On January 28, 1952, the Supreme Court refused to review. She is presently free on bond.

Judith Coplon Socolov was employed as a Political Analyst in the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., at the time of her arrest on March 4, 1949.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

FROM

: SUPERVISOR

331

6-3-64

TO

FROM

: BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE 65-14932)

SUBJECT: EXHIBITS MAINTAINED IN RED ROPE
FOLDERS IN BULKY EXHIBIT VAULT

The Bulky Exhibit Section has instituted a project to have above captioned exhibits thoroughly reviewed for disposal or retention.

Attached are first and last sections of file referring to exhibits in question. The first section contains the green sheets listing the exhibits.

Each supervisor receiving a copy of this memorandum is requested to have the pertinent exhibits reviewed and fill in the spaces listed below. This memorandum is to be returned to the Bulky Exhibit Section by 6-10-64.

EXHIBITS TO BE DESTROYED: _____

EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED: _____

all

REASON FOR RETENTION: _____

Prosecution + information
currently out on bail.

EMPLOYEE REVIEWING EXHIBIT

Ralph F. Miller

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6/17/64
CP*

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-78633)

6/16/64

SA VICTOR A. LEMAITRE #33

ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN
IS - R; ISA - 1950

Identity of Source	NY 3225-S*
Reliability	Has furnished reliable information in the past
Date of Activity	5/18/64, 5/20/64, 5/21/64
Dates Received	5/18/64, 5/20/64, 5/21/64
	<u>5/18/64</u>

ELEANOR BROWN and her uncle, MORRIS FEINBLATT, visited NEEDLEMAN's office on 5/18/64. NEEDLEMAN advised them that RAY BROWN's will named him (NEEDLEMAN) executor and trustee as well as guardian for ELEANOR BROWN until she reached the age of 21. NEEDLEMAN said that RAY BROWN had left \$5,000.00 in government bonds and he revealed that she had a savings account at the Franklin Savings Bank and a safe deposit box at the Gotham Bank. NEEDLEMAN also stated that the ILWU apparently would pay \$1,000.00.

The informant learned that ELEANOR BROWN was working for a trucking firm, and that she planned to keep her mother's apartment.

TOM SWAN informed NEEDLEMAN that a man named ALLEN-STEIN was claiming that SWAN owed him several hundred dollars on a stipulation. SWAN said he had paid most of it off, but had no record. SWAN discussed this matter with NEEDLEMAN and the latter offered to try to settle for \$200.00.

1-100-152001 (ELEANOR BROWN) (45)
1-100-148059 (RAY BROWN) (45)
1-100-115267 (TOM SWAN) (343)
1-105-2615 (LEONID TANKEL) (343)
1-100-95921 (ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY) (343)
1-105-9649 (LEONARD SIMPSON) (45)
1-65-14932 (JUDITH COPLON) (33)

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5/20/64

ALEXANDER SVENCHANSKY asked NEEDLEMAN what the status of the LEONID TANKEK case was. NEEDLEMAN said that TANKEK had been convicted and that a motion for a new trial would undoubtedly be denied. TANKEK planned to go before the judge who had sentenced him and apply for a reduction of sentence, from four months in jail to a suspended sentence. NEEDLEMAN told SVENCHANSKY that TANKEK wanted affidavits to establish that even after he had been instructed by the Soviets to cease doing business, there had been negotiations with Amtorg officials, which indicated that the Russians were still willing to work something out. NEEDLEMAN said he had been asked for such an affidavit and would probably give it to him. He thought TANKEK would very likely ask SVENCHANSKY for one.

5/21/64

NEEDLEMAN and LEONARD SIMPSON discussed the decision of the NYS Supreme Court Judge HENRY CLAY GREENBERG on the validity of Mexican divorces. NEEDLEMAN was of the opinion that there must have been a "pay-off" to Judge GREENBERG, and that the decision would not stand if it should be taken to a higher court.

NEEDLEMAN showed SIMPSON a copy of the book "Spies Who Changed History" and asked him to read the section which told of a decoy letter which had been prepared for JUDITH COPLON to steal from the files of the Department of Justice. This letter allegedly indicated that NEEDLEMAN was really working for the FBI while he was employed by Amtorg. NEEDLEMAN said that when he learned of this plot he had gone to the President of Amtorg and offered his resignation if there was any doubt of his loyalty to the organization. The President of Amtorg, according to NEEDLEMAN, put his arm around him and assured him that he was certain that if he were an FBI informant, the FBI would not have exposed him.

NEEDLEMAN said that he has often told JUDITH COPLON that the best thing that ever happened to him was that she had been arrested. He explained if she had passed the information verbally to someone without being arrested he would never have known what had happened, but the word would have gotten around that NEEDLEMAN was working for the FBI.

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NEEDLEMAN stated that some years ago the Committee on the Judiciary was holding hearings on the FBI and its procedures, and that he had been tempted to present this story to the Committee. He had discussed the matter with PAUL O'DWYER, who had expressed surprise that NEEDLEMAN thought anything would be accomplished. O'DWYER had pointed out that the newspapers would have played up the affair with such headlines as "Attorney Spy Seeks Vindication". SIMPSON agreed that NEEDLEMAN would have gotten nowhere.

Bulky Exhibit - Inventory of Property Acquired as Evidence
FD-192 (Rev. 12-5-58)

10/11/61

Date

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Field Division

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Title and Character of Case

JUDITH COPPOLA
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

VAULT SHELF

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Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

RETAIN

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

T. S. MILLER

64. Key ring with 9 keys.

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Field File # 33

65-14932-1360

Rec. in Pending 9/18/64

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : *HT* SAC, BUFFALO (65-1937)

SUBJECT: *OK* JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 9/22/64

Buffalo is desirous of having a photograph of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, preferably 8"X10" or 4"X5", for use in connection with a discussion by the SAC on Russian espionage. If available, New York is requested to furnish same to Buffalo.

② - New York (RM)
1 - Buffalo
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65-14932-1361

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SAC, BUFFALO (65-1937)

9/30/64

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)

JUDITH COPLON
ESP-R

Reurlet 9/22/64.

Enclosed herewith are two sets of photographs
8" x 10" (four in all) taken of VALENTINE A. CUBITCHEV
immediately after his arrest, one being full length
and the other a combination front face and profile.

2 - Buffalo (Encs.-4)(RM)
1 - New York

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

10/26/64

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932) (P*)

JUDITH COPLON aka
ESP-R
(OO: NY)

Rereport of SA RALPH F. MILLER, 4/15/64, NY.

On 10/26/64 [redacted]
[redacted] Brooklyn, NY (conceal), advised that subject still resided at 161 State St., Brooklyn, and continued as a housewife. [redacted] observed that for almost two months during the summer subject and her children were apparently away on vacation but he occasionally saw her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, around the house. The SOCOLOVS continued to receive their mail at this address, giving no forwarding address.

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It is noted that NY 3225-S* reported on 5/21/64 that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN had a conversation with one LEONARD SIMPSON concerning the decoy letter, indicating NEEDLEMAN was really working for the FBI while working for Amtorg, which had been prepared for JUDITH COPLON to steal from the files of the Department of Justice. NEEDLEMAN said that he has often told COPLON that the best thing that ever happened to him was that she had been arrested. He explained if she had passed the information verbally to someone without being arrested he would never have known what had happened, but the word would have gotten around that NEEDLEMAN was working for the FBI.

Inasmuch as there has been no pertinent information other than foregoing, this letter is submitted in lieu of a report and case is being maintained pending inactive.

2 - Bureau (RM)

1 - New York

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65-14932-1363

10/11/61

Date

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Title and Character of Case JUDITH COPPOLA
ESP - R

Date Property Acquired 3/8/49 Source From Which Property Acquired SEE SERIAL 139
Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit VAULT SHELF 10B Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same RETAIN AS EVIDENCE
Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same S. MILLER

64. Key ring with 9 keys.

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SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF
PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

From 3/4/65

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FBI - NEW YORK

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3/25/65

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, New York (65-14932)

DATE: 2/17/65

FROM : SA

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SUBJECT: JUDITH COPKON aka
ESP-R

Subject is on SI and last report is dated 4/15/64. An annual investigative report will be due.

Case is P* and assigned to SA Ralph Miller

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65-14932-1365

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H. Miller	

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 4/15/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/2/65-4/8/65
TITLE OF CASE JUDITH COPLIN aka		REPORT MADE BY RALPH F. MILLER	TYPED BY ZJW
		CHARACTER OF CASE ESP-R	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA RALPH F. MILLER dated 4/15/64;
and New York letter dated 10/26/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The nature of the pretext telephone call made by [redacted] to the National Lawyers Guild, 154 Nassau Street, New York City, on 7/24/59, was in the nature of an individual attempting to reach subject on a personal basis.

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APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD (INFORMATION)

AT WASHINGTON, DC. One copy of this report is designated for Washington Field as they have an interest in this case.

NEW YORK.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Established sources and informants will remain alert for any information concerning subject's activities and information concerning subject's residence, employment, and pertinent activity will be submitted in six months.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

there is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: **RALPH F. MILLER**Office: **New York, New York**Date: **4-15-65**Field Office File #: **65-14932**Bureau File #: **65-53365**Title: **JUDITH COPLON**Character: **ESPIONAGE-RUSSIA**

Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, and is a housewife. Attended banquet of NYC Chapter of National Lawyers Guild with husband on 10/26/62.

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DETAILS:

On October 26, 1964, NY T-1 advised that subject still resided at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York, and continued as a housewife. NY T-1 observed that for almost two months during the summer, subject and her children were apparently away on vacation, but NY T-1 occasionally saw her husband, ALBERT SOCOLOV, around the house. The SOCOLOVs continued to receive their mail at this address giving no forwarding address.

On April 2, 1965, NY T-1 telephonically advised that the SOCOLOVs continue to reside at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, and that subject continues as a housewife. NY T-1 had no pertinent information regarding subject's activities.

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On November 5, 1962, NY T-2 advised that a Silver Anniversary Banquet of the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild was held October 26, 1962, at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SOCCOLOV attended.

A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild appears in the appendix attached hereto.

It is noted that on July 24, 1959, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation made a recent telephone call to the National Lawyers Guild, 154 Nassau Street, New York City, and was advised that ALBERT SOCCOLOV was a member of the National Lawyers Guild.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

New York, New York

Title **Judith Coplan**

Character **Espionage-R**

Reference **is made to the report of
Special Agent Ralph F. Miller, dated and captioned as
above at New York.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: **SOCOLOV, JUDITH**Office File **65-14932**

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: **161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York**Employment: **Housewife**

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoKey Facility: ☐ Yes ☒ NoSecurity Flash: ☒ Yes ☐ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence: Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service ☐ Yes ☒ NoFile Reviewed 4/2/65☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI CriteriaAgent's Initials RDMDate 4/2/65Same4-2-65
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R. F. MILLER RDM

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SI Unit

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SUPERVISOR 331 DATE 5-25-65
FROM : BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE 65-14932)
SUBJECT : EXHIBITS

The Bulky Exhibit Section has instituted a project to inventory all books, records, papers, literature, hand bills, and records of surveillances. This property is not counted on the semi-annual inventory submitted to the Bureau.

Attached are first and last sections of file. The first section contains the green sheets listing the following exhibits to be reviewed.

1B133 thru 138; 1B139 thru 146; 1B147 thru 151 - Vault shelf 10C

1B221 - Vault shelf 10B

Each supervisor receiving a copy of this memorandum is requested to have the pertinent exhibits thoroughly reviewed for disposal or retention and fill in the spaces listed below. This memorandum is to be returned to the Bulky Exhibit Section by 6-1-65.

EXHIBITS TO BE DESTROYED: NONE

EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED: ALL ABOVE

REASON FOR RETENTION: EVIDENCE + INTELLIGENCE

EMPLOYEE REVIEWING EXHIBIT Wm

65-14932-1368

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R. F. Miller Wm

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : SUPERVISOR #331

DATE 6/18/65

FROM : BULKY EXHIBITS SECTION (FILE 65-14932)

SUBJECT: EXHIBITS MAINTAINED IN ~~RED ROPE~~
~~FOLDERS IN BULKY EXHIBIT VAULT~~ - 1 B 101 (198)
Warehouse

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EXHIBITS TO BE DESTROYED: NONE

EXHIBITS TO BE RETAINED: ALL

REASON FOR RETENTION: EVIDENCE + POSSIBLE
FUTURE PROSECUTION

EMPLOYEE REVIEWING EXHIBIT

Ralph J. Miller

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Date

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Field Division

Title and Character of Case

JOHN GORDON
TSP - R

Date Property Acquired

3/8/49

Source From Which Property Acquired

SEE SERIAL 139

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

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Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

RETAIN AS EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same

01. Key ring with 9 keys.

02. Above retyped from green sheet dtd 3/11/49. alc

SEMIANNUAL INVENTORY CERTIFICATION TO JUSTIFY RETENTION OF
PROPERTY (Initial and Date)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-58365)

10/29/65

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932)(P*)

JUDITH COPLON, aka.
ESP - R
(OO: NY)

Rerep 4/15/65, NY, of SA RALPH F. MILLER.

On 10/27/65, [redacted] Brooklyn, NY, (conceal) advised that subject still resides at 161 State Street, Brooklyn, and continues as a housewife. During the past summer, subject and her family were away on vacation for a month. [redacted] believed they were staying at a small town in Pennsylvania, possibly Ellenville. (PO Directory lists no Ellenville, Pa., but does list Ellenville, NY.)

on leave 10/31/65

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Established sources and informants furnished no pertinent information concerning subject during past 6 months and accordingly this letter is being submitted in lieu of a report.

Copy submitted to WFO for info in view of their interest in this case.

- 2 - Bureau (65-58365)(RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-5128)(Info)(RM)
- 1 - New York

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) there is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.

8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.

10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: SOCOLOV, JUDITH

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoKey Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoPhoto ☐ No ☒ YesSecurity Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes; photograph on Security Index card is most current or best likeness of subject.

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

Residence:

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Key Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

FD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed 10/27/65

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials RDM

Date 10/27/65

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VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoDetcom ☒ Yes ☐ NoKey Facility ☐ Yes ☒ NoPhoto ☒ Yes ☐ NoSecurity Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial

DATE OF ANNUAL 10-29-66

Residence: Same

Method of Verification:

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Employment:

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Geographical Reference Number

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Key Facility ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

Employment Source:

Date:

Verified by SA:

Photograph on SI card is most current or best likeness of subject: ☐ Yes ☐ NoFD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service: ☐ Yes ☒ No

File Reviewed: 4/14/66

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials: RDM

Date: 4/21/66

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R F Miller	RDM
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-14932)

FROM : SA RALPH W. MILLER, #331

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON SOCOLOV
ESP-R

DATE: 5-2-66

On 4/21/66, [REDACTED]
Brooklyn, New York, advised that the SOCOLOVS and their
children were still residing at 161 State Street, Brooklyn,
and apparently leading a comparatively quiet life. He has
not heard anything concerning the SOCOLOVS. The subject
continues to be employed apparently as a housewife. [REDACTED]
sees her and the children fairly often, however, he has not
seen subject's husband as much and presumes he probably leaves
for his business before or after [REDACTED] is in the vicinity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-14932)

DATE: 5-9-66

FROM : SA James P. Kehoe #33

SUBJECT: Judith Coplon Socolov
Esp-R.

A review of this file indicates that the last
6 month report or letter in lieu thereof was dated 10/29/65.
Accordingly, another one is due.

65-14932-1375

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DIRECTOR, FBI (65-53365)

5/17/66

SAC, NEW YORK (65-14932) (P*)

JUDITH COPLON, aka
ESP-R
(OO:NY)

ReNYlet, 10/29/65.

On 4/21/66, [REDACTED] Brooklyn, NY (conceal) advised that the SOCOLOVS were still residing at 161 State St., Brooklyn, and apparently leading a comparatively quiet life. Subject continues to be employed apparently as a housewife.

b7D

Established sources and informants furnished no pertinent information concerning subject during past 6 months and accordingly this letter is being submitted in lieu of report.

Copy submitted for WFO for info in view of their interest in this case.

2-BUREAU (RM)
1-WFO (65-5128) (INFO) (RM)
1-NEW YORK

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
 2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
 3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
 4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
 5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
 6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) **there is nothing to indicate she would cooperate in any way.**
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **her previous participation in Soviet espionage indicates she would be capable of the same type of activity in the event of a national emergency.**
10. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.
- ☐ Subject's activities warrant Detcom tabbing because (state reasons)

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION ON SECURITY INDEX CARDS

MEMORANDUM RE: JUDITH SOCOLOV

Office File 65-14932

The following is the most recent place of employment, employment address, and residence address of the above subject as contained on the subject's Security Index Card.

Residence: 161 State Street, Brooklyn, New York

Employment: Housewife

Address:

Labor Union Affiliation:

Defense Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
Key Facility ☐ Yes ☒ No
Security Flash ☒ Yes ☐ No

Detcom ☒ Yes ☐ No
Photo ☒ Yes ☐ No

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SI UNIT

DATE 10-14-66

It is requested that the place of employment, address of employment, residence address of the subject, as well as the accuracy of the priority tabbing, be verified and the proper notations be made below. The absence of a photograph and posting of a Security Flash should be noted and efforts made to secure a photograph and determine the existence of a criminal record.

A physical description based on personal observation of the subject appears in serial _____

Residence: Same

Method of Verification:

DATE OF ANNUAL 5/17/66

Neighborhood Source:

Date:

10/13/66

Verified by SA:

Ralph D. Miller

Employment:

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Address:

Same

Labor Union Affiliation:

Date Checked

Key Facility ☐ Yes ☐ NoDefense Facility: ☐ Yes ☐ NoTab Detcom: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Method of Verification:

above

Employment Source:

Date:

10/13/66

Verified by SA:

Ralph D. Miller

Photograph on SI card is most current or best likeness of subject: ☐ Yes ☐ NoFD-122 should be submitted to Bureau: ☐ Yes ☒ NoA letterhead memorandum should be submitted to the Bureau and Secret Service: ☐ Yes ☐ No

File Reviewed 10/13/66

☒ Subject Meets SI Criteria☐ Does not Meet SI Criteria

Agent's Initials

RDM

Date

10/13/66

Geographical Reference Number

65-14932-1377

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (65-14932) (P*)

FROM : SA RALPH F. MILLER (#331)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESP - R)

DATE: OCT 24 1966

On 10/13/66, [redacted]
Brooklyn (conceal), ~~who is located on~~ Atlantic Avenue, ~~off and~~
of Court Street, advised that COPLON and her family were
away from their residence at 151 State St. during the past
July and August. They gave no forwarding address, but
their mail was apparently picked up daily. He said Mrs.
SOCLOW (COPLON) apparently still continues as a house-
wife and has no other employment known to him.

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Prior attempt had been made to contact [redacted]
on 10/10/66 (Monday), but he was not available. He advised
that he normally does work Monday through Fridays, but had
been on leave the previous Monday.

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DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

February 1

SAC, NEW HAVEN

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JUDITH COPLON (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated 1/24/49.

Reference is made to Washington Field teletype to New Haven dated 11/17/47 in the case entitled "ARTHUR ROBERT ROSENBAUM, W.A.A., L.G.E." requesting the New Haven office to interview a Mrs. MARTIN RAFF, formerly Miss MARIAN GORE, of 559 Orange Street, New Haven, who had once been a member of the State Department branch, Local #3, U.P.W.A. Mrs. RAFF was interviewed at that time and gave information about ROSENBAUM, a MARCELLE DIANE ELINSON, and a group of U.P.W.A. members in Washington, D.C. who followed the Communist Party line, which Mrs. RAFF claimed she had opposed.

This information was forwarded to the Washington Field by letter dated April 20, 1948 entitled "STATE DEPARTMENT BRANCH, LOCAL #3, U.P.W.A.; Mrs. MORTON RAFF, Informant, SECURITY MATTER - C". This information was also set out in detail with respect to ROSENBAUM and ELINSON in the report of SA FRANK V. BATTLE dated 11/21/47 at New Haven in the case entitled "ARTHUR ROBERT ROSENBAUM, W.A.A., Washington, D. C., L.G.E.", a copy of which was forwarded to the Washington Field Office.

It is noted that in supplying information about the above individuals Mrs. MORTON RAFF furnished some background information relating to herself. Since the files of the New Haven Office contain no further information about Mr. and Mrs. MORTON RAFF and the Bureau and Washington Field have this information in detail, no further action is contemplated by this office. RUC.

cc: Washington Field ✓
cc: New York

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 1, 1949

SAC, NEWARK

JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)

ESPIONAGE-R

(Bureau file 65-58068 and 100-77232)

Re New York letter to Bureau January 24, 1949.

Newark indices negative on the names in reference letter. The spelling of all names verified; addresses all verified with the exception of HELEN ME^{SE}L. The address of HELEN MESEL according to 1948 City Directory of Paterson, New Jersey was found to be 120 Genesee Avenue instead of 160 Genesee Avenue, Paterson, New Jersey.

cc Washington Field
New York (65-14932)

NK 65-3908
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Mendenhall

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Handwritten: Mendenhall

SAC, New York

February 1, 1949

Director, FBI

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~~VALENTINE ALEXANDER GUBITCHEV~~ WAS

(SOURCE) - 65-5128-

ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with the instant investigation which grew out of Gubitchev's meeting with Judith Coplon in New York City on the evening of January 14, 1949, a review of the Bureau's files has been conducted and failed to reflect any information in addition to that set forth in the teletype of the New York Office dated January 15, 1949.

The meeting with Coplon would appear to indicate that Gubitchev is an agent of the M.G.B. and that he very likely maintains contacts with other individuals engaged in like activities in the United States. The New York Office should, therefore, through the technical surveillance on his residence and the services of [redacted] at his business address, carefully follow his activities. This coverage should be supplemented in so far as feasible by discreet spot surveillances. Every effort should be made to determine the extent of Gubitchev's operations in Soviet Intelligence and to determine his contacts in the United States. The Bureau should be kept fully advised of all developments in this matter.

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cc-Washington Field

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: February 2, 1949

JS FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In an effort to determine if Coplon is presently delivering documents to her Soviet Intelligence superiors, the Bureau has prepared a short summary memorandum on the Amtorg Trading Corporation on which there was placed a memorandum of transmittal to the Department in which it was stated that the Bureau is presently using as informants on a confidential basis, two highly placed officials of the Amtorg Trading Corporation. This memorandum which has been prepared from a Foreign Agents Registration angle will reach Judith Coplon's hands and it is contemplated that she will either attempt to transmit the documents for copying purposes to her contacts or in the alternative will orally pass the information concerning the two Amtorg officials. This information, is as you know, false, and has been prepared for deceptive purposes. *Tio*

The Washington Field office, as previously advised, should be alert for the transmittal of any documents by Coplon.

The New York office should report any information which might be developed to the effect that an investigation of officials at Amtorg is undertaken by Soviet Intelligence. This might be indicated by numerous transfers of Amtorg officials, the calling of Amtorg officials to the Soviet United Nations Headquarters or in their being called to the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

cc New York

*assigned to Mendenhall
maintained in Room 1507*

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FBI-WASH. FIELD
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*Payne H.H.
Mendenhall
McCluskey RKM*

DIRECTOR, FBI

January 31, 1949

SAC, MILWAUKEE

JUDITH COPLON (SOWME)
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to letter from New York to the Director dated January 24, 1949, setting forth certain addresses. The following name and address, identical with that listed in instant letter, is contained in the current Kenosha, Wisconsin, Telephone Directory:

MAX COPLON
6036 25th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin

The names of MAX COPLON and HENRY BECKER were checked against the indices of the Milwaukee Office with negative results.

An agent of this office has advised that there is an apartment building known as Alban Towers, located at the intersection of Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues in Washington, D. C., which may possibly be the correct address for HENRY BECKER, as listed in reference letter. HUC.

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✓ CC's (2) - Washington Field

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SAC, New York City

February 2, 1949

Director, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON, WA
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with the recent contacts between Judith Coplon and Helen Siegel in New York City, the personnel file of Helen Siegel was obtained from the Department of Justice and reflects the following information:

Helen Siegel was born September 19, 1922 in the Bronx, New York City. Her father's name is Louis, who was also born in New York City, and her mother's maiden name was Storch and she was born in New York City. In her application, dated June 28, 1943, Helen Siegel listed an uncle, Dr. H. H. Storch, who was the head of the Physicist's Laboratory, Bureau of Mines at Pittsburgh. Helen Siegel listed the following education: PS 73, 164 Anderson Avenue, New York City - 1928 - 1935; Walton High School, 1935 - 1939; Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, 1939 - 1942; Barnard College, 1942 - 1943. The application indicates that Miss Siegel obtained an AB degree at Barnard College. She listed her foreign language abilities as reading French and German and speaking French. She applied for the position of Research Assistant and entered on duty July 12, 1943. She indicated that she had previously taken a Civil Service examination for Junior Professional Assistant in July, 1943. 742

A memorandum in the file dated July 22, 1943 signed by Mr. Hugh B. Cox recommended her for a position in the Economic Warfare Section in New York City. An efficiency rating dated March 31, 1944 at New York City was made by Robert Wohlforth and rated Miss Siegel as "Very Good." She submitted her resignation on June 27, 1944 to take effect June 30, 1944. This resignation is actually noted in the Departmental files as taking effect on July 14, 1944. There was no reason noted for the resignation.

There are attached for possible assistance in further investigation of this girl in connection with this case three photographs obtained from her application for employment with the Department of Justice, for both the New York and Washington Field Offices.

In line with previous instructions issued by the Bureau, every attempt should be made to determine if this woman might be identical with the unknown subject Zora, concerning whom you have previously been furnished information.

cc: Washington

Enclosure *zh*

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FBI - NEW YORK
FEB 4 1949
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: February 2, 1949

FROM : DIRECTOR, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Information has been received from a departmental official that Miss Thomas, Secretary to Mr. Peyton Ford, has voiced a suspicion of Judith Coplon and also of one Ulda Eldred who presently is the Secretary to Mr. Foley in the Foreign Agents Registration Section.

Miss Thomas stated that Eldred was a very close friend of one Rose Fox, formerly in Foreign Agents Registration Section, who is now deceased. This is Rose Fox whose sister, Ida Fox, was very active in picketing the National Theater in Washington, D. C. According to Miss Thomas, after Rose Fox's death, Judith Coplon attempted to take up a collection within the Foreign Agents Registration Section for flowers. Miss Thomas has stated that Ronald MacDonald, who is now in the Solicitor General's office and Mrs. Irma Kalnan, who is presently employed as a translator at the Bureau, might have additional information concerning Miss Coplon.

Mrs. Irma Kalnan was interviewed on February 1, 1948, at which time she advised that she had been employed as a political analyst and translator in the Foreign Agents Registration Section from October 12, 1942 until February 1, 1946. At that time the Foreign Agents Registration Section was in the Hutchins Building. She stated that while she did not know Judith Coplon well, she has a feeling that Miss Coplon is Communistically inclined, although she has no specific information on which to base this suspicion. She recalled that Judith Coplon had been friendly with Louis Nemzer and Bernard Morris. Mrs. Kalnan is also suspicious of these two individuals. She recalled that on one occasion in discussing with Nemzer the Mikhailovich - Tito issue, Nemzer expressed himself in favor of Tito and said, "We can only support those who are fighting on our side", indicating to Mrs. Kalnan that he thought Mikhailovich was a traitor. According to Mrs. Kalnan, Nemzer is now employed at some university which she believes is in Ohio.

Mrs. Kalnan also said that Judith Coplon was not well liked by a number of those employed in the Foreign Agents Registration Section as she was known as "a girl with a pull". Mrs. Kalnan mentioned that she had seen Coplon on the street several months ago, at which time Judith Coplon asked Mrs. Kalnan about her trip to Czechoslovakia and also commented that she, herself, had made a trip to France

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FEB 4 1949
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in the summer of 1948. Mrs. Kalnan was also acquainted with Adele Miller and has heard her criticize Judith Coplon but she did not have any knowledge of any dispute between the two women. She felt that Adele Miller's nervous breakdown was perhaps caused by her being too religious.

You should make immediate arrangements to thoroughly interview Miss Thomas who is employed in Mr. Peyton Ford's office and following such interview, contact Ronald MacDonald for any information he may have. These interviews, of course, should be conducted in such a manner as to insure that our investigation of this woman is maintained on a discreet basis.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 7, 1949

During the late afternoon of February 4, 1949, I asked Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau for advice as to whether the special Memorandum in this case prepared by the Bureau had been made available to the subject, explaining to him this information was necessary in order that I determine the degree of coverage by way of surveillances, etc. to afford this case. At that time, Mr. FLETCHER advised me that the Memorandum had been given by him at 5:00 P. M. the preceding day to Mr. FOLEY of the Department, and that since he had no way of immediately determining whether the subject had actually received the Memorandum that this office should proceed on the assumption that she has had access to it. 760

The foregoing is with regard to Bureau letter in this case to the Washington Field Office dated February 2, 1949.

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WASHINGTON D.C.	
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: January 5, 1949

On January 5, 1949, Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau telephonically authorized the writer to place a technical surveillance on the residence of the captioned individual. He stated that formal Bureau approval would be forwarded immediately.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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65-5128

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD 2-1-49 5:30 PM URGENT
DIRECTOR, FBI

JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. [] ADVISED ON JANUARY 31, 1949,
THAT BERNARD S. MORRIS, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THIS DATE
REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM COPLON CONCERNING THE "NATIONAL COUNCIL"
AND DISCUSSED CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THIS MATERIAL AND WHETHER SHE
COULD FURNISH INFORMATION TO HIM. [] ADVISED THAT ON FEBRUARY 1,
1949, COPLON ENDEAVORED TO FIND A MEMORANDUM FROM THE FBI TO THE
DEPARTMENT FURNISHED IN THE FALL OF 1947 ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP. SHE WAS ADVISED THAT THIS MEMORANDUM
IS CONFIDENTIAL AND COULD NOT BE GIVEN TO HER WITHOUT THE PERMISSION
OF MR. FOLEY. EARLIER ON FEBRUARY 1, 1949, COPLON ADVISED A MR.
McKNIGHT, BELIEVED EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THAT SHE WOULD BE
IN HIS BUILDING TOMORROW OR THURSDAY.

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[Signature]
HOTTEL

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Per _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NO. _____

TO MECHANICAL SECTION:

DATE 2-8-49

PLEASE PREPARE THE FOLLOWING FOR WFO ROOM NO. _____ PHONE _____

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REMARKS OR DESCRIPTION Return to SA THOMAS A. MENDENHALL,
Room 1513, Washington Field File 65-5128.

APPROVED _____

SIGNED _____

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : ROBERT W. McCASLIN, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 9, 1949

Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau telephonically advised this office on this date that permission was being given for re-installation of technical coverage for JUDITH COPLON.

Installed originally 7:30AM - 1-25-49
Temporarily discontinued 1:00AM - 2-5-49
Reinstalled 2-11-49
Finally removed 3-12-49

Rm 2220 Just. Bldg
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RWM:cl
65-5128

*this had been
discontinued 1:00 AM
2-5-49 per oral
instruction Mr Fletcher & Mr. Delavigne
C-594 Tom.*

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F. F.

FEB 9 1949

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROUTED TO *McCauley* *Tom*

Director, FBI

February 9, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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On February 9, 1949, a surveillance was conducted on the subject by Special Agents ROBERT E. LEONARD and ROBERT L. SMELTZER, and the following activity noted.

At 12:25 P. M., she left the Department of Justice Building and proceeded to Ceres Restaurant, 1307 - E Street, N. W., where she met a man whose description will be set forth later. The meeting appeared to be pursuant to an appointment. They left the restaurant after dining, at approximately 1:20 P. M., and proceeded to the front of Garfinckel's Department Store on the F Street side, between 14th and 15th Streets, N. W., where they conversed and walked aimlessly around.

Shortly thereafter, subject entered the department store alone and the man boarded a "Riverside Stadium" bus and proceeded to Annex 1, State Department, at 23rd and E Streets, N. W., where he entered room 412, the door of which bore the lettering, "Division of Passports and Communications". Subject was not observed to pass any document or article to the man within the observation of the surveilling agents.

The description of the aforementioned unidentified man is as follows:

Age:	approximately 32 to 36 years
Height:	approximately 5' 10 ¹ / ₂ "
Weight:	170 to 175 pounds
Complexion:	medium to dark
Hair:	short, black, flecked with grey
Nose:	long, Roman type
Glasses:	flesh tinted, rimmed
Carriage:	slightly stooped
Dress:	hatless; wore grey top coat and brown suit

It is noted that the current State Department directory lists BERNARD S. MORRIS as being assigned to room 412, State Department, Annex 1.

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Report of SA ARCHIE A. PEARSON dated 12-17-42 at Detroit, Michigan entitled "JACOB FAHLMAN, alias, Jack Fahlman, Internal Security - C, Custodial Detention."

Report of SA SPENCER G. WALDEN, JR., dated 10-17-44 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania entitled "JOHN JOSEPH ELLIS, with aliases: John J. Kelly Ellis, John J. Ellis, Security Matter - C."

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Report of SA JOHN B. O'LEARY dated 12-2-48 at Phoenix, Arizona entitled "C. G. CHESIRE, et al, CPA Violations, Miscellaneous."

Report of SA ALEXANDER H. GRAHAM dated 2-26-45 at Baltimore, Maryland entitled "ROBERT RESNICK, National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics, Internal Security - Hatch Act."

Report of SA A. DEAN WORTHINGTON dated 6-7-45 at Portland, Oregon entitled "PHILLIP H. LEVY, Internal Security - R."

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Report of SA THOMAS T. WILKINSON dated 12-7-48 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania entitled "CHARLES AUGUSTUS MUSSEN MENELL, wa., Internal Security - C."

Report of SA GEORGE L. STRAIN dated 3-30-45 at New York City, New York entitled "ESTHER DIANA NEWMAN, with aliases: Elsie Newman, Elsie Walton, Elsie Grant, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA DALE I. STOOPS dated 5-27-44 at Cincinnati, Ohio entitled "ROSE NOTZ, nee Rose Mitterholzer, w. as. Mrs. William C. Notz, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JOSEPH E. KELLER dated 12-2-48 at Washington, D. C., entitled "THEIMA OSTER, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA CARL F. MAISCH dated 12-30-47 at San Francisco, California entitled "JOSEPH PEDISICH, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA GEORGE A. STRONG dated 11-26-48 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania entitled "Dr. LEON NOFL PENZUR, was., Lee Pensur, and Penzer, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA LEON O. PRIOR dated 11-29-48 at Miami, Florida entitled "Changed: HENRY DAVID PRENSKY, wa., Security Matter - C."

Report of SA RICHARD H. WHITE dated 3-8-44 at New York, New York entitled "CHANGED: HILDA FRANCES PRESENT, with aliases Frances Present, Hilda Present, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JAMES T. HAVERTY dated 1-26-48 at New Haven, Connecticut entitled "Mrs. MARY RACKLIFFE, was. Mary Douglas, Mary Radcliffe, Security Matter (C)."

Report of SA JAMES J. CANAVAN dated 11-19-48 at Washington, D. C., entitled "CHARLES KRAMER, was Charles Krevisky, Charles Krivitsky, Internal Security - C."

Report of SA GARDIN R. FITZGERALD dated 10-2-48 at Chicago, Illinois entitled "STOJAN KRSTIC, Internal Security IS & R."

Report of SA THEODORE O. KIRSCHNER dated 1-10-45 at New York, New York entitled "CHANGED: KARLIS ZVANS, with aliases: Carl Y. Zvans, Carl Zuns, Internal Security - R."

Report of SA EDWIN O. RANDSEP dated 6-1-44 at New York, New York entitled "HEINZ JACOB POL, with aliases: Heinrich Pollack, Hermann Britt, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JOSEPH P. MCDONOUGH dated 12-9-44 at Boston, Massachusetts entitled "EVELYN ASH HODES, with aliases Evelyn Hodes Wilson, Evelyn Ivonne Hodes, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA THEODORE SYLVESTER CHUISE dated 2-25-44 at San Francisco, California entitled "CHARLES JOHN HOFFMAN, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA WILBERT H. KEHE dated 11-18-48 at San Francisco, California entitled "ELLA MAE HUTCH, aka Mrs. Tommy Hutch, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA CARL N. FREYMAN dated 11-30-48 at Chicago, Illinois entitled "CHANGED: JEROME J. INDRA, was: Jerry Indra, Jaroslav Indra, Jerome Johnston Indra, Jerome L. Indra, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA J. PHILLIP CLARIDGE dated 11-16-48 at El Paso, Texas entitled "DOROTHY MARIE INGRAM, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA RAY W. RICHARDSON dated 11-18-48 at Seattle, Washington entitled "STANLEY ORVILLE IVERSON, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA WILLIAM P. DIGGS dated 11-8-48 at Detroit, Michigan entitled "MATTHEW JOZSA, was, Matt Jozsa, Matt Jossie, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA FRED G. COOK dated 11-29-48 at Detroit, Michigan entitled "CHANGED: GUSTAVE JURIST, with aliases, Steve Van Gluck, Gus Jurist, Steve Lang, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA ELWOOD D. LEARN dated 12-6-48 at Los Angeles, California entitled "JOE JUHLIN, with alias Joseph Jurlin, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA BENNETT R. STECHER dated 11-17-48 at Buffalo, New York entitled "CHANGED: THADDEUS KAMIN, was. Thaddeus Kaminski, Tadeusz Kaminski, Teddy Kaminski, Ted Kaminski, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA HAROLD P. HIGGINS dated 12-6-48 at San Diego, California entitled "HARRY FRANCIS FANE, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA CHARLES E. PELLETIER dated 11-15-48 at Boston, Massachusetts entitled "NATHAN AARON KAY, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JAMES MICHAEL TEAHEN dated 5-6-48 at San Francisco, California entitled "DAVID KINKEAD, Housing Manager, Federal Public Housing Authority, Internal Security - Hatch Act."

Report of SA J. ROGER WALTERS dated 11-18-48 at San Francisco, California entitled "LEONA AUGUSTA KING, was., Leon Augustus King, Lee King, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA FRANCIS J. WALSH dated 11-17-48 at Buffalo, New York entitled "MARTIN A. KISS, w.a. Marton A. Kiss, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JOHN T. MINNICH dated 12-22-48 at Buffalo, New York entitled "JOHN NOTO, wa., Internal Security - C."

Report of SA RAY W. RICHARDSON dated 12-23-48 at Seattle, Washington entitled "RICHARD SHELTON LAW, wa., Internal Security - C."

Report of SA VINICIO HENRY NASCA dated 12-10-48 at San Francisco, California entitled "CHANGED: ALBERT FRANCIS LANNON, was: Al Lannon, Alfred Lannon, Richard Conley, Al Conway, Internal Security - C."

Report of SA BERNARD F. LA BRAN dated 12-15-48 at Phoenix, Arizona entitled "TETIA ABRAMSON LAND, was., Internal Security - C."

190 Report of SA JACOB L. FULLER dated 12-9-48 at Indianapolis, Indiana entitled "ZACK KRETH, was., Internal Security - C."

Report of SA MERLE E. ADAMS dated 12-20-48 at Los Angeles, California entitled "NOTAH KLAPPER, with aliases Notoah Klapper, Paul Orr Kline, Paul Klein, Paul Nathan Kline, Nathan Kline, Nathan Paul Cline, Paul E. Kline, Allen Parratt, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA PAUL W. GIBBS dated 12-2-48 at Los Angeles, California entitled "CHANGED: MURRAY KORNGOLD, was., Mortie Korngold, Mortra Korngold, Mortre Korngold, Murrie Korngold, Murry Korngold, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA BENNETT R. STECHER dated 12-1-48 at Buffalo, New York entitled "WALTER ELMER MALTAIS, was, Walter E. Maltais, Walter Maltais, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA HOWARD W. JENNINGS dated 6-25-43 at Portland, Oregon entitled "CHANGED: ERNESTO ARCEBAL MANGACANG, with aliases Ernesto Manacang, Ernesto Arcebal Manacang, Internal Security - C, Custodial Detention."

Report of SA RAYMOND F. MEADE dated 7-2-43 at Newark, New Jersey entitled "ERICA MANN, with aliases: Erika Mann, Erika Julia Hedwig Auden, nee Mann, Mrs. Wysten H. Auden, Erika Julia Auden, Erika Auden, Erica Auden, Erika Mann Auden; KLAUS HEINRICH THOMAS MANN, alias Klaus Mann, Espionage (C)."

Report of SA ERNEST T. BIRD dated 2-25-47 at Cleveland, Ohio entitled "KATHERINE MARUS, wa., Security Matter - C."

Report of SA ROBERT E. WYNN dated 2-27-47 at Cleveland, Ohio entitled "BERNARD ISADORE MARKS, Security Matter - C."

Report of SACE. C. RICHARDSON dated 3-12-47 at Cleveland, Ohio entitled "Mrs. VIRGINIA FRANCES CURRY MARKS, with aliases Virginia Frances Curry, Virginia Frances Curry Waser, Security Matter - C - CHANGED."

Report of SA JOSEPH A. SMITH dated 1-12-45 at Providence, Rhode Island entitled "FRANCISCO PELESCINI MARQUES, was Frank Marques, Frank Marks, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA JOHN F. BURKE dated 11-12-48 at San Francisco, California entitled
"JAMES FLOYD MASON, wa. James Flood Mason, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA O. EUGENE COLEMAN dated 3-31-48 at Savannah, Georgia entitled
"CARIE SADLER MASSEY, WAS Carry Massey, Carrie Mason, Mrs. Willie
Cline Massey, Mrs. Kline Massey, Internal Security - C."

Report of SA WILLIAM F. MALCHOW dated 11-26-48 at Saint Paul, Minnesota entitled
"DON C. WATCHAN, Security Matter - C."

Report of SA CHARLES A. AUSTIN dated 11-29-48 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
entitled "EBEN MATLIS, with aliases Eben Matles, E. B. Matles, Eben
Metlis, Security Matter - C."

Director, FBI

February 14, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re report of Special Agent SCOTT MILLER, dated January 28, 1949, at New York, New York in this matter, which on page 22 calls attention to the fact that the entry in COPLON's diary for February 18, 1949, "Get tickets for show" may mean that she is scheduled to meet GUBITCHEV on this date.

^{long dis. telephone} Confidential Informant [] had advised that the subject in a conversation with PAULINE SLAVIN, Cornish Alms, 311 West 23rd Street, telephone Chelsea 3-7400, extension 626, stated that she would be in New York on the 18th and thought that she would be free that evening after nine but would have to go home early. The subject stated that she would not be in New York before 5:00 P. M. She first suggested that PAULINE call her at home, GE 8-1048, but then said "I've just been thinking it over, I don't think I want my mother to know that I'll be in and not go right home". During the conversation, PAULINE said, "Listen, you know I have that book for you - I've had it ever since". COPLON replied, "That's okay, I have the thing for you". No definite arrangements between COPLON and SLAVIN were arrived at and it was agreed that if COPLON did not hear from SLAVIN by mail, the former will know that SLAVIN just couldn't arrange anything for that Friday. COPLON also mentioned that she intended seeing her "two married friends in Flushing" on Saturday, February 19, 1949. b7D

Informant further advised that subject informed LORRAINE SINDERBRAND that she was going to New York on February 18th. SINDERBRAND then told COPLON that her sister SOPHIE PEARLBERG, nee ELKINS, in New York wants to introduce COPLON to a young man. LORRAINE described this man as a French Jew, short and rather bald, whose father is a multi-millionaire in the steel industry in Paris, France. The man's name was given as LUZAR (phonetic) and COPLON stated that she would plan on seeing LUZAR on Sunday night, February 20th. LORRAINE then said that LUZAR had a sister who married an American and is living in Pittsburgh. She said that LUZAR was planning to visit her and that it might be on the weekend of the 18th. According to LORRAINE, LUZAR is engaged in the junk business in the United States. Mrs. SOPHIE PEARLBERG is believed to be the wife of EVERETT PEARLBERG. 740

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February 14, 1949

Another confidential informant had advised that COPLON indicated that she intends, while in New York over the weekend of February 18th to 20th, 1949, calling a man who has stated that he has something for her. The identity of this individual is not known but it may possibly have been MORTON POMERANTZ, 1633 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York, although the informant stated that the name sounded like "MORTON", "MORRIE", or "MORTIE KERVITZ". The individual in question was in Washington, D. C. on January 27, 1949, at which time COPLON contacted a number of persons concerning a job for him, apparently without success.

COPLON has also advised her mother and others that she intends being in New York on February 18th, 1949.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: February 14, 1949

On February 14, 1949, Mr. GRANVILLE of New York advised that as a result of the technical coverage maintained on the parents of COPLON in New York, it had been ascertained that COPLON's mother is forwarding her a letter sent by Trans-World Airlines, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. GRANVILLE thought there might be some importance to the letter in view of the eagerness manifested by COPLON to receive it.

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Director, FBI

February 14, 1949

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JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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A confidential informant has advised that he had access to room 2220, Department of Justice Building, which is the office of the subject, on the evening of February 10, 1949. The following items of interest were noted.

COPLON had a notation on her desk calendar for Wednesday, February 9, 1949, "12:30, Ceres, BERNIE". Physical surveillance reflected she had lunch at Ceres with a man who was surveilled to the room number of the State Department which is assigned to BERNARD MORRIS.

She also had a notation on this calendar for Wednesday, February 16, 1949, "12:15 N. (or possibly H.) HIRSCH". Arrangements will be made to cover COPLON's activities at this time by physical surveillance.

In the lower left hand drawer of her desk were found copies of the following reports:

SA HOWARD P. WINTER, dated January 24, 1949, at New Haven, entitled, "JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN";
SA DAVID EDWIN TODD, dated December 31, 1948, at San Francisco, entitled, "ROY THOMAS, INTERNAL SECURITY - R";
SA JAMES J. MCCARTHY, dated January 24, 1949, at New York, entitled, "ESTHER VELENSKA, INTERNAL SECURITY - R";
SA ROBERT W. COBOIAN, dated January 13, 1949, at New York, entitled, "RUSSKY GOLOS PUBLISHING COMPANY, INTERNAL SECURITY - C";
SA JOHN J. WARD, dated January 20, 1949, at New York, entitled, "SALI LIEBERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - R";
SA JAMES P. WOOTEN, dated December 14, 1948, at New York, entitled, "FRANCIS BORDOFSKY, SECURITY MATTER - C";
SA DONALD P. ADAMS, dated January 6, 1949, at New York, entitled, "WHOLESALE BOOK CORPORATION, SECURITY MATTER - C";
SA CARROLL L. CARTWRIGHT, dated December 30, 1948, at Seattle, entitled, "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP, INTERNAL SECURITY - C";
SA ROBERT S. PLANTZ, dated January 5, 1949, at New York, entitled, "ELLA WINTER STEWART, INTERNAL SECURITY - C";
SA JAMES T. MOONEY, dated December 1, 1948, at Pittsburgh, entitled, "GEORGE SAMUEL WUCHINICH, INTERNAL SECURITY - C"; and

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February 14, 1949

Brief prepared by CHESTER T. LANE, Acting Chief of the Special War Policies Unit, War Division, dated August 21, 1943, on the "American Council of Soviet Relations".

In one filing cabinet in COPLON's room, there were approximately 500 copies of FBI reports on individuals and organizations bearing the character of "INTERNAL SECURITY - C", "INTERNAL SECURITY - R", and "SECURITY MATTER - C". Nothing else of an unusual nature was noted.

A memorandum pertaining to the Amtorg Corporation could not be located.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

February 9, 1949

SAC, DENVER

JULITH COPLON (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

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Reference New York City letter to the Bureau dated January 24, 1949, requesting a file check on various names.

The Metropolitan Denver Telephone Directory issued in October 1948 lists a RUSSEL H. COLE residing at 851 South Windemere Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, Telephone No. 647-M; hence, it appears that the name and address listed are correct.

The name Mrs. RUSSELL COLE has been checked through the indices of the Denver Office with negative results.

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Director, FBI

February 10, 1949

SAC, Seattle

JUDITH COPLON; (SOVME)
ESPIONAGE - R

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Relet New York to Bureau 1/24/49.

FLOYD B. SHERMAN, Superintendent of Mails, Yakima, Washington, Post Office, verified the correct spelling of the name LORRAINE RELANDER, and advised that her address at present is Route 3, Box 149, Yakima, Washington. This is the location of the Vogue Auto Courts, located on the western outskirts of Yakima on the Naches Highway. Mr. SHERMAN stated that one C. C. RELANDER also receives mail at this same address. The telephone at this address is listed in the name of CLICK C. RELANDER.

The files of the Seattle Office contain no information regarding LORRAINE or CLICK C. RELANDER.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RENYREP OF SA FREDERICK G. HAMLIN, DATED MAY THREE, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, AT NY, ENTITLED QUOTE JUDITH COPLON, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, POLITICAL ANALYST, UNQUOTE. NY IS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW JEAN WALICKI AND W. VAN ALLEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF THEIR POSSIBLY ELABORATING OR FURNISHING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING COPLON. IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ZORA, THEY SHOULD BOTH BE SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED AS TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF FEMALE ACQUAINTANCES OF COPLONS WHO WERE EMPLOYEES OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE TIME THAT COPLON WAS EMPLOYED IN NY. NY IS ALSO REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE LEADS OBTAINED AS A RESULT OF THESE INTERVIEWS AND TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATIONS OF HELEN SEIGEL, MARION DAVIS, AND SEYMOUR NAGAN. THE RESULTS OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU AND WFO AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. 740

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JUDITH COPLON ESP. R. RE WASH LETTER FEB. FOURTEEN SETTING OUT
CONVERSATION BETWEEN COPLON AND PAULINE SLAVIN. SLAVIN REGISTERED
CORNISH ARMS HOTEL FEB. SIX FORTYNINE FROM TWO NAUGHT TWO SEVEN PARK
ROAD, NORTH WEST WASHINGTON. CONNECTED WITH FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY.
RESIDING HOTEL ON WEEKLY BASIS. HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REVEALS
NOTHING SUSPICIOUS AMONG SLAVIN-S POSSESSIONS IN HOTEL ALTHOUGH
NO ANALYSIS MADE YET OF NAMES IN HER ADDRESS BOOK. THE BOOK SHE RE-
FERRED TO AS KEEPING FOR COPLON POSSIBLY "THE NAKED AND THE DEAD"
WHICH WAS ONLY ONE SHE HAD IN HER POSSESSION. WASHINGTON REQUESTED
TO GIVE ITS OPINION ON PORTION OF CONVERSATION CONCERNING COPLON-S
HAVING SOMETHING FOR SLAVIN AND SLAVIN-S REMARK ABOUT THE BOOK. IF
WASHINGTON IS OF OPINION THIS PART OF CONVERSATION SUSPICIOUS ATTEMPT
WILL BE MADE TO RE CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REGARDING SLAVIN-S
POSSESSIONS AFTER SHE HAS SEEN COPLON. SUTEL FEB 17 11 05 AM '49 ARRIVAL
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Director, FBI

February 17, 1949

GUY NOTAL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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ReWFOtel dated February 15, 1949 to the Bureau and New York Office requesting New York to interview Mr. W. VAN ALLEN and Miss JEAN WALICKI, employees of the New York Office of the Department of Justice.

At noon today, Mr. LEROY McCAULEY, Special Assistant to the Attorney General and Administrative Officer of the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice, advised the writer that he had just received a letter dated February 15, 1949, from Mr. W. VAN ALLEN, formerly in charge of the personnel in the Anti-Trust Division, U. S. Department of Justice, 30 Broad Street, New York City, in which after mentioning a previous telephone conversation with Mr. McCAULEY, he stated that JEAN WALICKI had recently become friendly with the left-wing group in the New York Office. In this letter, VAN ALLEN expressed the opinion that "anyone who hires a gang of comics and party followers must have similar leanings himself. An examination of the personnel which stacked at least 50% of the New York Office of the War Division will emphasize this point". It is believed that Mr. VAN ALLEN is referring to ROBERT WOHLFORTH as having hired these individuals.

VAN ALLEN also advised of having been interviewed in 1946 by an FBI agent concerning JUDITH COPLON. He expressed concern over the fact that Miss WALICKI had referred the agent to him rather than to ROBERT WOHLFORTH and expressed the possibility that WOHLFORTH and WALICKI had arranged it that way in order for WOHLFORTH to learn through his Washington contacts what he, VAN ALLEN, had to say about JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. McCAULEY explained that in his telephone conversation with VAN ALLEN, various employees of the New York Office of the Department of Justice were discussed and that JUDITH COPLON's name was mentioned. Mr. McCAULEY questioned VAN ALLEN as to whether he would be willing to furnish information to a Special Agent of the FBI concerning any of these individuals. He replied that he would be glad to furnish any information that he could. In this connection, however, VAN ALLEN requested that if an FBI agent interviewed him he, the agent, first mention Mr. McCAULEY's name to him.

It was ascertained that the New York Office had not as yet conducted interviews with VAN ALLEN and WALICKI and that office was telephonically advised not to conduct such interviews unless further instructions were received.

Unless advised to the contrary, it is desired that Mr. W. VAN ALLEN be interviewed at his residence, 1403-09 Holly Avenue, Flushing, Long Island, as he has advised Mr. McCAULEY that if an FBI agent interviewed him at his office it would be detrimental to his position among his fellow employees. The lead to interview Miss JEAN WALICKI should be disregarded and she should not be interviewed.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: February 18, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:00 A. M. today, in the absence of Mr. BELMONT, I telephonically advised Mr. GRANVILLE of the New York Division that COPLON plans to leave Washington, D. C. at either 1:00 or 2:00 P. M. today for NYC. I advised him generally of the contents of Bureau letter dated February 16, 1949, concerning the type of activity desired in this connection and informed him it was my understanding that Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau would discuss this matter with Mr. BELMONT further. I advised him that the subject has mentioned that she is going to visit some "married friends" in Flushing on February 19, 1949, and that she recently mailed a photograph album which she purchased in Washington to KATHERINE LESSER, at 144-35 - 76th Avenue, Flushing.

With regard to the teletypes from NYC dated February 17, 1949, referring to WFO letter of February 14, 1949, referring to conversation between COPLON and SLAVIN, I advised him we had received no further information concerning this contact and with regard to the handling of this matter in New York, suggested to him that if a contact is made under suspicious circumstances that New York make efforts to ascertain through a highly confidential source what is passed to SLAVIN.

I further advised Mr. GRANVILLE that subject has had her hair cut short and it now comes just below the ears. I advised him the subject will be accompanied to New York by Agents CARL W. BUCHHOLZ and THOMAS A. MENDENHALL, and furnished him the description of these two agents together with an agent in the New York Office who knows MENDENHALL.

At 2:30 P. M. today, I advised Supervisor KENNEDY, in Mr. GRANVILLE's absence, that the subject, alone, had left on Pennsylvania train #142, at 2:00 P. M. in Coach 1633, and will arrive in NYC at 6:00 P. M. I advised him she is wearing a full length black cloth coat, black high heeled shoes with ankle straps, no hat, carrying a black purse of kid leather with gold trim, wearing a blue crepe dress, and carrying a brown airplane type overnight bag which she has previously carried when surveilled by New York.

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SAC'S NEW YORK
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT BOTH COPLON AND MARION DAVIS ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE, GRADUATING IN JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT ZORA ALSO GRADUATED IN THAT CLASS. IF PRACTICABLE FROM SECURITY POINT OF VIEW, NEW YORK SHOULD REVIEW BARNARD RECORDS ON THAT CLASS TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF THE GIRLS HAD A STEPFATHER. THEREAFTER NEW YORK SHOULD SUBMIT NAMES AND BIRTH DATA TO BUREAU AND WFO FOR CHECK BY WFO OF CIVIL SERVICE RECORDS AS ZORA KNOWN TO HAVE WORKED FOR GOVERNMENT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: February 16, 1949

for FROM : Director, FBI

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SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

In view of the fact that Judith Coplon's present position gives her access to numerous FBI reports of a confidential nature as well as access to other restricted material, it will be necessary to bring this case to a conclusion at an early date. It is contemplated that following her trip to New York City on February 18, 1949, for the week end, consideration will be given to interviewing her at an early date. While such an interview will be aimed at gaining her cooperation in acting as a double agent, there is, of course, a strong likelihood that the interview will not be successful in this and that the espionage activities of Coplon and Gubitchev will cease. The activities of other persons active in the network, not known to us, will also probably cease at least temporarily. In order that we may be in as good a position as possible at the time of the interview, it is imperative that all possible investigative leads be completed by the date of interview. This means that our investigative coverage of the following leads must be expedited:

1. We must determine, in so far as is possible, the extent and nature of the espionage activities being engaged in by Valentine A. Gubitchev. This necessitates that his activities from now until the interview of Coplon should be given full coverage through technical and spot physical surveillances. *flu*

2. On February 18, 1949, both Coplon and Gubitchev should be under physical surveillances in order that we may have coverage of any meeting which takes place between the two persons. The physical surveillances should be extremely discreet in nature and it may be necessary to drop the surveillances for security reasons following the meeting.

3. We should determine additional background information concerning Seymour Nagan and check his activities by spot surveillances to determine if he is the espionage contact between Coplon and her Soviet principles.

4. We should determine background information concerning other contacts of Coplon in an effort to determine which of her contacts and associates may also be engaged in Soviet espionage activities.

5. We should determine the nature of the present activities being engaged in by Marion Davis who has been tentatively identified as the Marion Davis who was employed by the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The investigation of her in New York City should be expedited.

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6. We should continue to make every effort to identify the unknown subject Zora who recruited Coplon as a Soviet agent.

In addition to the foregoing, it is contemplated that if the interview with Coplon, when conducted, is unsuccessful in developing her as a double agent, the various contacts and associates of Coplon will be interviewed in an effort to determine the nature of their association with her. You should keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments in this matter as they occur.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. ON FEB NINETEENTH COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON
AND EVENING AT HOME OF SIDNEY AND SHIRLEY SAIMS, ONE EIGHT EIGHT
DASH FOUR FIVE SEVEN ONE CRESCENT, FLUSHING. ON SAME DATE
GUBITCHEV WAS SURVEILED ON SHOPPING TOUR WITH WIFE, AND SURVEIL-
LANCE DISCONTINUED FOR SECURITY ~~RE~~ REASONS. HE WAS NOT OBSERVED
TO ENTER SIX EIGHT ZERO PARK AVE., THE USSR DELEGATION BLDG. ON
FEB TWENTIETH, COPLON PLANS TO VISIT HER COUSINS, DAVID AND ISADIE
STEMMER, TWO EIGHT FOUR VAN NOSTRAND AVE, JERSEY CITY, NJ, DURING THE
AFTERNOON AND EVENING. SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY RELATIVES. THE
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. REF PAGE FORTY FIVE, NY REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN FORTY NINE. SEYMOUR P. NAGAN, WA., SEYMOUR NAGNOWITZ /TRUE NAME/ IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS A CORRESPONDENT BY MC GRAW DASH HILL, WASH., DC. HIS WASHINGTON ADDRESS IS ONE TWO NAUGHT ONE TWENTY FIRST ST., NW., WASH., DC. BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING NAGAN DEVELOPED HERE AS FOLLOWS.- BORN DEC. EIGHTEEN NINETEEN TWENTY, NYC, PARENTS ARTHUR AND ANNA NAGAN, SEVENTEEN THIRTY ONE HARRISON ST. BRONX, NY, MARITAL STATUS, SINGLE, EDUCATION, DE WITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL, SEPT. NINETEEN THIRTY FIVE TO JUNE NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, BA DEGREE, SEPT. THIRTY EIGHT TO JUNE FORTY TWO, COLUMBIA SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, MS DEGREE, SEPT. FORTY TWO TO JUNE FORTY THREE, EMPLOYMENT AS FOLLOWS.- NOV. FORTY TWO TO APRIL FORTY FOUR, ASSOCIATED PRESS, NEWARK, NJ, MAY FORTY FOUR TO DEC. FORTY FIVE, "NEW YORK TIMES SUNDAY MAGAZINE SECTION", NYC, DEC. FORTY FIVE TO FEB. FORTY SEVEN, "FORTUNE" MAGAZINE, NYC, SEPT. FORTY SEVEN TO JUNE FORTY EIGHT, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, COLUMBIA UNIV., NYC, AUGUST THIRTY NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT TO PRESENT MC GRAW DASH HILL PUBLISHING CO., WASH., DC. FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO REGARDING NAGAN INDICATED THAT HE HAD NO MILITARY SERVICE. INVESTIGATION TO DEVELOP FURTHER BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING NAGAN IS CONTINUING HERE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. COPLON NOT OBSERVED TO MAKE ANY CONTACTS FEB. TWENTY ONE FORTY NINE. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY COPLON WILL NOT BE SURVEILLED UPON HER RETURN TO WASHINGTON. WFO WILL BE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF HER DEPARTURE.

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SAC, New York

February 21, 1949

Director, FBI

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JUDITH COPLOE, was.
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Reference is made to the letter of the New York Office dated January 29, 1949, in which a request was made for any pertinent information contained in the Bureau's files regarding Robert Martin Wohlforth other than that available to the New York Office.

The Bureau's files fail to reflect any substantial information not available to you. Your attention is directed to New York file 62-7202 entitled "Robert Martin Wohlforth, Information Concerning" which contains information not incorporated in its entirety in the loyalty reports. Your attention is also directed to the memorandum of the Washington Field Office dated February 17, 1949, which suggests you interview Mr. W. Van Allen unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau. This interview should be conducted and it is probable that Mr. Van Allen will furnish you information concerning Wohlforth as well as Coplon. You should be particularly alert during the conduct of the Coplon investigation to report any information which you may develop which would have a bearing on the loyalty of Wohlforth.

cc - Washington Field Office ✓

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. ON FEB. TWENTY SECOND, COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON
AT HOME OF GIL AND MARCIA LESSER, ONE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE FIVE
SEVENTH SIXTH AVE., FLUSHING, NY, PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FOR WASHING-
TON, SIX THIRTY PM. WFO ADVISED OF DEPARTURE. WASHINGTON, D. C.

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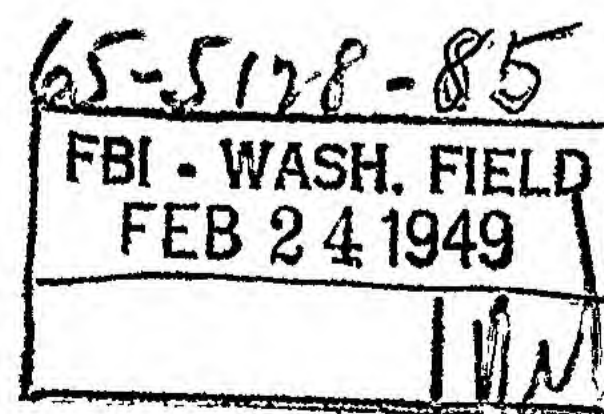
FROM : PAUL J. TIERNEY

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: February 22, 1949

At 8:40PM this date SA CHARLES MONTICONE of the New York Office called advising that the above captioned subject departed from New York City aboard the "Mt. Vernon", Penna R.R., 6:30PM and would arrive in Washington 10:25PM. She was described as wearing the same black coat as she wore when she left Washington for NYC.

Supervisor K.T. DELAVIGNE instructed that no surveillance of subject would be necessary upon her arrival in Washington.



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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL FEB. TWENTIETH LAST ADVISING THAT COPLON SPENT AFTERNOON OF FEB. NINETEENTH AT HOME OF SIDNEY AND SHIRLEY SAIMS, ONE EIGHTY EIGHT DASH FORTY FIVE SEVENTY FIRST CRESCENT, FLUSHING. CI NYT FIVE ONE TWO REPORTED THAT THE TWO GIRLS HAD NOT SEEN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME. ALTHOUGH TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS LISTING AS SAIMS THE CORRECT FULL NAME IS DR. SIDNEY MARTIN SAMIS. SIDNEY AND SHIRLEY SAMIS ARE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN FIRST NY LEAD IN NY REPORT DATED JAN. TWENTYEIGHTH LAST. HE IS ASST. DIRECTOR MT. SINAI HOSPITAL. MARRIED SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW MARCH SIXTEENTH, NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN. SHIRLEY BORN MARCH THIRTY FIRST NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR, NYC. SHE ATTENDED BARNARD COLLEGE OCTOBER, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE TO JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE, GRADUATING SUMMA CUM LAUDE, PHI BETTA KAPA. NOTE, THIS IS SAME CLASS IN WHICH COPLON GRADUATED. SHIRLEY RESIDED SIX SIX SIX WEST END AVENUE, NYC WHILE IN COLLEGE. HER FATHER IS DAVID ARONOW, BORN RUSSIA, MOTHER, RAE, BORN NYC. SHIRLEY ATTENDED CCNY SPRING OF FORTYFIVE TAKING ADULT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CONVERSATIONAL RUSSIAN. SHIRLEY BELIEVED

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TO HAVE TRAVELLED IN CUBA, PANAMA AND MEXICO DURING FORTYSIX.

~~EMPLOYED JUNE FORTYTHREE TO JUNE FORTYFIVE~~ US DEPT. OF JUSTICE,

WAR DIVISION, ECONOMIC WAR SECTION, DOING ECONOMIC RESEARCH ON INTERNATIONAL CARTELS, GERMAN AND AMERICAN INDUSTRY, REPORTING, INTERVIEWING AND EDITING. FROM JULY FORTYFIVE TO APRIL FORTYSIX WAS EMPLOYED US DEPT. OF JUSTICE, ANTI TRUST DIVISION, DOING RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS RE ANTI TRUST VIOLATIONS, TRADE RESTRAINTS, INDUSTRY SURVEYS, FILE SEARCHING, REPORT WRITING AND ECONOMIC PREPARATION FOR TRIALS. FROM OCTOBER FORTY SIX TO NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN EMPLOYED FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, FOREIGN RESEARCH DIVISION, DOING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RESEARCH ON WESTERN EUROPE. REFERENCES IN DEPT. OF JUSTICE SHIRLEY GAVE TO BARNARD PLACEMENT SERVICE WERE LAWRENCE S. APSEY, FORMERLY CHIEF, NY ANTI TRUST DIVISION, PRESENTLY WITH RAYTHEON, WALTHAM, MASS., ROBERT WOHLFORTH, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, NY, NY, PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED THIS CASE, CHRISTIAN GRANT, BRYN MAWR, PA., AND T. P. PEARDON, BARNARD COLLEGE. ONLY REFERENCE TO SHIRLEY ARONOW, NY FILES, IS INVESTIGATION ENTITLED "SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW, DEPARTMENTAL APPLICANT, EXPERT, WAR DIVISION". NY REPORT SUBMITTED THIS INVESTIGATION JULY NINETEENTH, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE. ONE REFERENCE TO A DAVID ARONOW, BORN EIGHTEEN EIGHTY SEVEN, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, MEMBER IWO LODGE SIX HUNDRED, DECEMBER, FORTYSIX. NO REFERENCE RAE ARONOW. BELIEVED

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THAT SHIRLEY ARONOW IS EXCELLENT SUSPECT FOR BEING IDENTICAL WITH ZORA. NOTE FOLLOWING SIMILARITIES...ZORA PRESUMABLY WORKED WITH COPLON AS SHE ASKED FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON HER AND COPLON-S CONDUCT TOWARD WORK AND PERSONAL CONNECTIONS. IN DECEMBER, FORTY FOUR ZORA THOUGHT THE AGENCY BY WHOM SHE WAS EMPLOYED WAS TO CEASE ITS EXISTENCE ABOUT SIX MONTHS FROM THAT DATE. IN JUNE, FORTYFIVE ARONOW WAS PRESUMABLY TRANSFERRED TO A DIFFERENT SECTION IN THE DEPT. IT WAS INDICATED THAT EVEN THOUGH ZORA WAS CAPRICIOUS SHE WAS EXTREMELY SERIOUS AND WELL DEVELOPED. ARONOW WAS ONLY TWENTY YEARS OF AGE AT THIS TIME, BUT APPARENTLY AN EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT PERSON, ACCORDING TO SCHOLASTIC RECORDS. PRESUMABLY ZORA ACQUAINTED WITH MARION DAVIS, WHO WAS IN ARONOW-S GRADUATION CLASS. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK PASSPORT DIVISION, STATE DEPT., TO SEE IF PASSPORT ISSUED TO ARONOW. WFO SHOULD ALSO ASCERTAIN WHEN THE ECONOMIC WAR SECTION OF THE WAR DIVISION, DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE. WFO OR BUREAU SHOULD EXAMINE DEPT. FILE ON ARONOW, IF POSSIBLE, AND ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF ARONOW-S TRANSFER OF POSITIONS IN JUNE OR JULY FORTY FIVE, AS NOTED ABOVE. UPON INTERVIEW OF VAN ALLEN, NY WILL DETERMINE IF VAN ALLEN ACQUAINTED WITH ARONOW AND WHETHER HE KNOWS DETAILS OF HER TRANSFER, AS WELL AS HOW LONG HIS OFFICE KNEW IN ADVANCE THAT

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THE ECONOMIC WAR SECTION WAS GOING OUT OF EXISTENCE. NY WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH WHETHER DAVID ARONOW IS SHIRLEY-S FATHER, ALTHOUGH FROM INFO AT HAND IT APPEARS THAT HE IS. HE IS LISTED IN CURRENT DIRECTORY AS RESIDING AT SIX SIX SIX WEST END AVENUE, NYC, WITH BUSINESS AT FOURTEEN TEN BROADWAY, WHICH IS LEE KNITWEAR CORPORATION. INVESTIGATION THIS CASE CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. AT NINE THIRTY FIVE PM, FEB TWENTYSEVEN COPLON ADVISED HER MOTHER THAT SHE WOULD COME TO NY FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTH. MRS COPLON WANTED TO KNOW IF JUDY WOULD BE IN FOR DINNER. JUDY SAID THAT SHE WOULD NOT BUT WOULD TRY TO GET HOME AROUND NINE PM. MRS COPLON ASKED IF JUDY HAD SENT "THAT" IN THE MAIL TO HER. JUDY SAID THAT SHE HAD NOT BUT WOULD WRITE HER MOTHER MONDAY NIGHT AND SHE WOULD GET IT BY WEDNESDAY. DUE TO TIME JUDY STATED SHE WOULD BE HOME, ^{FEB 28 7 30 PM '49} STRONG POSSIBILITY SHE MAY MEET GUBITCHEV AT SEVEN PM. ^{WASHINGTON, D.C.} WASH FLD SHOULD SURVEIL HER TO NY AS IN PAST. NY COVERAGE WILL BE SAME. ^{memoranda CC M1}

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE R. WILLIAM VAN ALLEN, OF THE ANTITRUST DIVISION, NEW YORK CITY, ADVISED TODAY THAT THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION OF THE WAR DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN NEW YORK CITY CLOSED ITS OFFICE IN NEW YORK CITY JUNE THIRTY, FORTYFIVE. HE FURTHER ADVISED THAT FOR SOME TIME PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL CLOSING IT WAS MORE OR LESS KNOWN IN THE OFFICE THAT SUCH WOULD HAPPEN BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT FUNDS. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THIS WAS KNOWN PRIOR TO JAN. ONE, FORTYFIVE. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IT WAS KNOWN ¹⁴⁰ SOME TIME IN ADVANCE THAT ONLY PART OF THE EMPLOYEES COULD BE RETAINED. THIS WOULD BE A FURTHER INDICATION THAT ZORA WAS WORKING IN THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION AT THE SAME TIME AS COPLON. VAN ALLEN ADVISED THAT THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE WHO SHARED COPLON'S POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND WERE CLOSER TO HER THAN THE OTHER EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE WERE ELSIE FRIEMUS, HELEN SIEGEL, SHIRLEY ARONOW, MRS. BEATRICE WALFISH, AND VIRGINIA M. MARINO. ^{F.B.I.} ^{MAR 1 10 47 PM '49} ^{WASHINGTON, D.C.} ^{VAN ALLEN WILL MAKE} ^{Munderhelt} AVAILABLE THE PERSONNEL FILES OF ALL EMPLOYEES, ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BUT THIS WILL TAKE AT LEAST ONE WEEK.

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HE FURTHER STATED THAT ROBERT WOHLFORTH AND HAROLD CARTER, OF THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, AS WELL AS SIMS CARTER, BROTHER OF HAROLD, AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT IN THE WAR DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN COPLON-S TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH WAS A PROMOTION AS WELL AS A TRANSFER.

HAROLD CARTER had been requested to resign.

VAN ALLEN SAID THAT ~~COPLON HAD REQUESTED THE TRANSFER~~ FROM THE

DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF HIS WIFE-S COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS. VAN

ALLEN SAID THAT CARTER PERSONALLY TOLD HIM THAT THE FBI HAD EXAMINED A COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP LIST AT THE COMMUNIST PARTY HEADQUARTERS AND FOUND HIS WIFE-S NAME ON THE LIST. COPLON IN NEW YORK OFFICE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO TO SEE WOHLFORTH. THE REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL FILES OF THE EMPLOYEES, ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, WILL BEGIN TOMORROW AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF PERTINENT INFORMATION DAILY.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL MARCH ONE, SETTING OUT RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH VAN ALLEN. REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION, NYC, INDICATES FIVE FEMALE EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED THERE, WHO WERE MEMBERS OF BARNARD COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS, JUNE FORTYTHREE. THESE EMPLOYEES WERE JUDITH COPLON, ELSIE FRIEMUS, HELEN SIEGEL, SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW, AND MRS. BEATRICE K. WALFISH, NEE KAPLAN. ALL FIVE OF THESE GIRLS WERE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR EMPLOYMENT BY ROBERT WOHLFORTH. EXAMINATION MADE OF PERSONNEL FILES MAINTAINED BY ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION ON COPLON, ARONOW, SIEGEL AND FRIEMUS. NO ADDL INFORMATION OBTAINED RE COPLON WHICH IS NOT ALREADY IN POSSESSION OF BUREAU. WITH REFERENCE TO HELEN SIEGEL, ONLY ADDL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM FILE WAS THAT SHE APPLIED FOR A POSITION WITH THE ANTITRUST DIVISION OF THE DEPT. AROUND APRIL FORTYEIGHT. MEMO IN SIEGEL-S FILE DATED APRIL EIGHT, FORTYEIGHT, FROM GUY R. HILL, DEPT OF JUSTICE TO J. FRANCIS HAYDEN, DEPT OF JUSTICE, NYC, REFERS TO POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF SIEGEL FOR "ECONOMIC RESEARCH IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTMENT BANK CASE". HILL DISCOURAGED SUCH EMPLOYMENT

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OF SIEGEL, STATING THAT BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN TRAINED IN LAW, IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE TO HIRE HER FOR A POSITION WHERE SHE WOULD BE UNDER SUPERVISION OF AN ECONOMIST. THE RECORDS OF THE PLACEMENT SERVICE AT BARNARD COLLEGE REFLECT THAT AFTER LEAVING THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE, SIEGEL WORKED FROM SEPTEMBER FORTYFOUR TO ABOUT AUGUST FORTYFIVE AS A REPORTER FOR THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER AND FROM SEPTEMBER, FORTYFIVE UNTIL FORTYEIGHT, SHE ATTENDED COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL, NYC, GRADUATING WITH LL.B. DEGREE. SIEGEL-S EXACT DATES OF EMPLOYMENT BY THE ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION WERE FROM JUNE TWELVE FORTYTHREE TO JULY FOURTEEN FORTYFOUR, WHEN SHE RESIGNED, GIVING AS HER REASON, THE DESIRE TO ENTER MORE LITERARY FIELDS. RELATIVE TO SHIRLEY GLADYS ARONOW, WHO IS NOW MRS. SIDNEY SAMIS, INFORMATION CONCERNING HER WAS SUPPLIED BUREAU BY NY TEL DATED FEB. TWENTYFIVE. REVIEW OF HER PERSONNEL FILE, EWS, DISCLOSES IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION ALREADY SUPPLIED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE EWS FROM JUNE SIXTEEN FORTYTHREE TO APRIL FIFTEEN FORTYSIX WHEN HER EMPLOYMENT WAS TERMINATED DUE TO A REDUCTION IN FORCE. A LETTER IN HER FILE FROM ROBERT WOHLFORTH TO THE UNITED NATIONS, LAKE SUCCESS, NY, DATED SEPTEMBER ELEVEN FORTYSIX SETS FORTH A BRIEF HISTORY OF ARONOW-S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE EWS AND RECOMMENDS HER FOR AN UNNAMED POSITION WITH THE UN.

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EXAMINATION OF FILE OF ELSIE FRIEMUS DISCLOSED THERE WAS NO COPY OF HER ORIGINAL APPLICATION CONTAINED IN IT AND VERY LITTLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION. A BRIEF QUESTIONNAIRE IN HER FILE INDICATES SHE WAS BORN AUGUST FOUR, NINETEEN TWENTYONE AT BROOKLYN, NY, FATHER JOHN FRIEMUS, BORN IN RUSSIA, MOTHER FRIEDA ALDER, BORN IN SWITZERLAND AND NOT A CITIZEN OF THE U.S., AS OF JUNE NINETEEN, NINETEEN FORTY THREE. SHE WAS EMPLOYED FROM JUNE FIVE FORTYTHREE TO APRIL FIFTEEN FORTYSIX WITH THE EWS. EXAMINATION OF PERSONNEL FILE ON WALFISH WILL BE MADE TOMORROW. RECORDS OF BARNARD COLLEGE INDICATE WALFISH-S MAIDEN NAME TO BE BEATRICE KAPLAN, BORN JUNE TWENTYEIGHT NINETEEN TWENTYTWO. HER PARENTS WERE MAX AND BERTHA KAPLAN. WFO REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH CIVIL SERVICE AND POSSIBLY DEPT. OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON, FOR ADDL BACKGROUND INFO ON FRIEMUS AND COPLON IF SAME CAN BE DONE DISCREETLY. RESULTS OF FURTHER PERSONNEL FILE REVIEW WILL BE FURNISHED TOMORROW. .

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Director, FBI

March 3, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
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Rebulet February 2, 1949, requesting the Washington Field Office to interview Miss THOMAS, secretary to Mr. PEYTON FORD and Mr. RONALD MacDONALD, Solicitor Generals Office.

Miss THOMAS, upon interview, could furnish no information concerning COPLON additional to that set out in referenced Bureau letter. She stated that inasmuch as she had left the Foreign Agents Registration Section in March, 1946, she had not had an opportunity to learn much about the subject. She stated that a Mrs. IRENE LONGLEY had replaced her in this section and she thought that the latter could furnish more information concerning COPLON. It is therefore requested that the Bureau authorize the Washington Field Office to interview Mrs. LONGLEY.

Mr. RONALD MacDONALD advised that he had been in the Polish Section of the Foreign Agents Registration Section from May, 1942 until January, 1946. He stated that although he had been acquainted with COPLON, he could furnish no information concerning her activities other than that she was, during 1945, taking courses in photography and Russian at American University. He further advised that he was aware of the fact that she had taken a pleasure trip to Europe in 1948, having flown to Paris and from there traveled to Italy, apparently on some sort of a tour. He stated that he had never heard any rumors of disloyalty or questionable activities on the part of the subject and stated that he was not in a position to have known much about the subject, having never supervised her work.

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Director, FBI

March 3, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
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Confidential Informants [] and [] of this office have advised that the subject, SARA BECKER, presently employed by the American National Red Cross, Washington, D. C., and BERNARD S. MORRIS, employed in the International Functional Intelligence Division, Department of State, have been in contact with each other concerning an application which all three wish to file with the Civil Service Commission for positions with the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Informant advised that in a conversation with MORRIS, the subject discussed the advisability of disclosing confidential information on an application form, and stated that she didn't want anyone in her office to see this application. She then stated that ~~the only person that she would~~ really want to go to would be "R. P. W.". It is noted that the informant may have misunderstood the middle initial and it is possible that COPLON was referring to ROBERT MARTIN WOHLFORTH. However, the possibility also exists that she was referring to a different individual. (RAY P. whearty of the Department)

According to this informant, on March 2, 1949, COPLON was contacted by a female (BECKER ?) who inquired about filling out an application blank and who was wondering how to reply to several questions as to past work experiences. COPLON advised this individual that she was going to New York over the weekend and would call her upon her return.

Later in the day, informant advised that BERNARD MORRIS of the State Department advised COPLON, "I have given that thing to a guy to look over and he was glad to look it over". He further stated that he was waiting to get it back and that he would bring it over Friday, to which COPLON replied that she was leaving at 1:00 P. M. Friday for New York and returning early Sunday. MORRIS then said that if this "guy" drafted it he could type it in. COPLON then informed him that it had to be in the 15th.

Today, informant advised that COPLON indicated that she wished to leave Washington at 1:00 P. M. because she desired to get to New York early as she wanted "to pick up something downtown", explaining that downtown meant around 42nd Street.

It therefore appears likely that the subject intends seeing WOHLFORTH in connection with those applications while in New York over this weekend.

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cc - New York (Special Delivery)

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP.-R. REBULET JAN. NINETEEN LAST. MARION DAVIS FORMERLY OF SIX FOUR FOUR RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, IS NOW MARRIED, HAS ONE CHILD, LESS THAN A YEAR OLD AND IS BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING IN MEXICO. MAIL COVER ON PARENTS N.Y. ADDRESS REFLECTS MAIL ADDRESSED TO MARION BERDECIO IN CARE OF DAVIS AND PREVIOUS LETTER TO MRS. DAVIS BORE RETURN ADDRESS OF MD. B. ERDECIO, ELTAVISTA, VILLA OREGON, DF MEXICO. EXAMINATION OF NY FILES INDICATES MARION DAVIS PROBABLY MARRIED TO ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO, A MEXICAN PAINTER WHO WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH JOSE ANTONIO ARZE, BOLIVIAN REVOLUTIONARY PARTY LEADER AND VINCENTE LOMBARDO TOLEDANO, MEXICAN LABOR LEADER. BERDECIO MADE FREQUENT TRIPS TO NYC AND GAVE ADDRESS HERE AS ONE THREE THREE EAST FIFTEEN ST. MARION DAVIS KNEW ARZE IN N.Y. IN NINETEEN FORTYFOUR AND AT ONE TIME SPOKE TO ARZE ABOUT ROBERTO, INDICATING SHE ALSO KNEW BERDECIO. ROBERTO GUARDIA BERDECIO WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE HUSBAND OF NANCY BERDECIO, PARAMOUR OF HARRY BRIDGES. FILES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE TO JORGE GUARDIA BERDECIO WHO KNEW ARZE AND WHO IS PROBABLY RELATED TO ROBERTO. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE EXACT NAME OF DAVIS-S HUSBAND AND ANY PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. REMYTEL MAR. TWO SETTING OUT RESULTS OF REVIEW OF SOME OF THE PERSONNEL FILES OF COPLON-S FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ECONOMIC WAR SECTION. FILE OF BEATRICE K. WALFISH, NEE KAPLAN, SHOWS SHE ENTERED ON DUTY AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, FORTY THREE. SHE RESIDED SIX ZERO FIVE WEST ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH ST., NYC. GRADUATE BARNARD COLLEGE JUNE, FORTYTHREE. ON EDITORIAL BOARD OF BARNARD BULLETIN AS WAS COPLON. RESIGNED IN NOV., FORTYTHREE AND WENT TO CAL. WHERE SHE IS EMPLOYED AS REPORTER FOR "HAYWARD REVIEW", HAYWARD, CAL., AS OF FEB. TWENTYTWO, FORTYFOUR. FILE HAS PERSONAL LETTER FROM WALFISH TO ROBERT WOHLFORTH STATING IN EFFECT THAT THERE WERE PRACTICALLY NO LIBERAL PAPERS ON THE COAST BUT THAT THEY DID MANAGE TO GET "P.M." NO APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT IN WALFISH-S FILE. FILE OF VIRGINIA MARIA MARINO REFLECTS THAT SHE ENTERED ON DUTY AS A JUNIOR STENOGRAPHER SEPT. FOURTEEN, FORTYTWO WITH THE ANTI-TRUST DIVISION. HER APPLICATION REFLECTS THAT IN FORTYTWO SHE RESIDED FOUR THREE FIVE MATILDA AVE., BRONX, NY. SHE WAS BORN MAY
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TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN AT NYC. AT THAT TIME SHE HAD A SISTER, GILDA R. MARINO, EMPLOYED AT THE ORDNANCE DIVISION OF THE WAR DEPT. VIRGINIA GRADUATED FROM HUNTER COLLEGE, FORTYONE. HER MOTHER-S NAME WAS LUISA MARINO. FATHER NOT GIVEN IN APPLICATION. FILE INDICATES THAT AT ONE TIME WHILE WORKING FOR ANTI-TRUST DIVISION, SHE WORKED WITH NORMAN BURLER AND ALEXANDER SACHS. ON FEB. TWENTY NINE, FORTYFOUR MARINO WAS TRANSFERRED TO ECONOMIC WARFARE SECTION. VAN ALLEN HAD ADVISED THAT WHEN MARINO FIRST CAME TO HIS OFFICE, SHE APPEARED TO BE A VERY RELIGIOUS GIRL OF CATHOLIC FAITH BUT AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME SHE SEEMED TO BERY FRIENDLY WITH COPLON, SIEGEL AND ARONOW. AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, VAN ALLEN STATED THAT COPLON-S CLOSEST ASSOCIATES, WHO IN HIS OPINION SHARED HER POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, WERE WALFISH, FRIEMUS, SIEGEL, ARONOW AND MARINO. VAN ALLEN STATED THAT AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED, THE REMAINDER OF THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE OFFICE WERE ALL RIGHT. THE FILE OF IRENE HEBARD, WHOSE NAME APPEARED IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK, REFLECTED THAT SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS A STENOGRAPHER BY THE EWS ON NOV. EIGHT, FORTYFOUR. SHE WAS REFERRED TO THE EWS BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. SHE WAS BORN MAY THIRTY, NINETEEN FIFTEEN, PITTSBURGH, PA. AT THE TIME OF HER FILLING

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OUT A PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM, ON NOV. NINE, FORTYFOUR, SHE RESIDED AT FOUR HUNDRED RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC. SHE GAVE HER FATHER AS CHARLES HEBARD, BORN IN MINN., AND HER MOTHER AS ELIZABETH B. LAWRENCE, BORN NY. SHE WAS SINGLE AT THE TIME. SHE WAS EDUCATED IN N.J., RECEIVING B.A. DEGREE IN THIRTYSIX FROM STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AND M. A. IN FORTY. ATTENDED ECOLE NORMALE, AIX-EN-PROVENCE, FRANCE, THIRTYFOUR-THIRTYFIVE. SHE STATED THAT THE ONLY ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SHE HAD BELONGED WAS A CREATIVE WRITING GROUP SPONSORED BY LAWRENCE CONRAD OF MONTCLAIR, N.J. SHE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT SHE WAS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND WANTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECONOMICS. FILE OF SARAH BECKER, WHO ALSO APPEARED IN COPLON-S ADDRESS BOOK, INDICATED THAT SHE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE EWS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. IN MAY, FORTYTHREE. HER RESIDENCE IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO COMING TO NY WAS THREE ZERO SEVEN DECATUR ST., NW, WASHINGTON, D.C. HER TRANSFER TO NY BECAME EFFECTIVE SEPT. FOURTEEN, FORTYTHREE WHILE SHE WAS CLASSIFIED AS AN EXPERT. SHE WAS PROMOTED FROM EXPERT TO ECONOMIST NOV. TWENTYNINE, FORTYFOUR. IN MAY, FORTYFIVE BECKER WAS TRYING TO GET TRANSFERRED TO THE ANTI-TRUST DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D.C. A REVIEW WILL BE MADE

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OF THE REMAINING PERSONNEL FILES OF SIMILAR EMPLOYEES OF EWS BUT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE BUREAU IN REPORT FORM IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY INDICATE A PERSON IDENTICAL WITH ZORA. INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY NY TO DETERMINE WHETHER ANY OF THESE GIRLS HAD A STEPFATHER IN THE LATTER PART OF FORTYFOUR. WFO REQUESTED TO EXAMINE CIVIL SERVICE RECORDS AND DEPARTMENTAL FILES, WALFISH MARINO, HEBARD AND BECKER FOR ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 3, 1949

Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau advised this morning with reference to the New York teletypes regarding check of personnel files of NYC Justice Department employees, that the Washington Field Office should not examine these files at the Justice Department unless so instructed by the Bureau. He stated the same instructions applied to checking at the Civil Service Commission.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 4, 1949

FROM : SA JOE R. CRAIG

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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As previously recorded in surveillance log of January 13, 1949, JUDY COPLON was observed, by SA JOHN O. CAVADINE and the writer, to meet an unknown man at the corner of 14th and G Sts., N. W., in front of the Pennsylvania Railroad Ticket Office at approximately 12:50 PM, January 13, 1949. This unknown individual was described as 6' 1" in height; weight 170 lbs; age 25-30; hair-brown (cut short); wearing light brown suit, brown shoes, brown and checked tie, and eyeglasses.

Referenced surveillance log notes that COPLON and the above individual talked approximately one minute; that thereafter, the man walked across the street to the Hamilton National Bank, 619 14th St., N. W.

The log further records that after the unknown individual left the above bank, SA CAVADINE contacted teller W. L. ANDERSON, who exhibited a check deposited by the unknown man. This check, numbered 30490, dated January 7, 1949, was drawn on the Fifth Avenue Office of the Guaranty Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 49th St., New York City, payable to SEYMOUR NAGAN and issued by the "New Republic", 40 East 49th St., New York City.

On February 25, 1949, SA HOLLIS BOWERS and the writer, through cooperation of JOE BUSCHER, brother of SA LAWRENCE E. BUSCHER, ascertained that the name of SEYMOUR P. NAGAN, was on the door of Room 1180, within a suite of rooms rented by McGraw Hill Publishing Company, National Press Building, 14 and F Sts., N. W. JOE BUSCHER is Service Manager of the above building.

Through a spot check of Room 1180, at the above location, the writer recognized an individual therein as identical with SEYMOUR NAGAN, as described in the surveillance log of January 13, 1949.

It was noted that the names of SEYMOUR P. NAGAN and DONALD LOOMIS appear on the door of Room 1180 at the above location. Further observation of NAGAN noted that he is of medium build, olive complexion, wears horned rimmed glasses, has dark brown hair (parted on right side). He was occupying the front desk in Room 1180 when observed.

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Another man, probably DONALD LOOMIS, occupied a desk behind NAGAN. The above office, approximately 12 x 18 feet, has a third desk against the wall away from the door.

Following the above, BOWERS and the writer, made attempts to identify NAGAN's car in the vicinity of the National Press Building and NAGAN's residence, 2000 F St., N. W., with negative results.

On February 28, 1949, a surveillance maintained by SA BOWERS and the writer at the National Press, from 8:45 AM to 11:05 AM, failed to note NAGAN entering the building. Spot checks of NAGAN's office throughout this period, failed to locate NAGAN.

On March 1, 1949, after two periodic spot checks of NAGAN's office, NAGAN was observed by the writer to be at his desk in Room 1180, National Press Building at approximately 3:55 PM.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, GUY HOTTEL

FROM : SA H. DUDLEY PAYNE

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 6, 1949

This is to advise that per instructions of Mr. DELAVIGNE who had received instructions from Mr. LADD to have Mr. LEWIS NEMZER immediately interviewed concerning his association and knowledge of the subject and in particular it should be ascertained from him if he had at any time given any information regarding any situation in the Department of Justice or any other government department to anyone in the Department of Justice, the FBI, or House Committee on Un-American Activities, or anyone else, and if so, exactly and specifically what the information was, and the result of this interview should be submitted to the Bureau - attention Mr. D. M. LADD, Assistant Director by noon tomorrow, MONDAY.

The writer ascertained from Mr. BERNARD MORRIS that NEMZER's current address is 451 Loveman Avenue, Worthington, Ohio, and that he is presently teaching at the State University, Columbus, Ohio.

The writer in the absence of Mr. OSTHOLTHOFF, SAC and ASAC at Cincinnati telephonically contacted Special Agent LAWRENCE KELLER, Supervisor, Cincinnati Office, and gave the above instructions to him in addition to sufficient background information on the case and requested that a detailed and complete interview be conducted with Mr. NEMZER.

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Transmitted herewith is a Corona typewriter, serial number 10180116, obtained by Special Agent L. W. R. OBERNDORF, by search warrant from the apartment of Subject, McLean Gardens, Washington, D.C. on March 5, 1949.

It is requested that typing specimens be secured from this machine and comparison be made between them and typing appearing on material obtained from the person of Subject when she was arrested in New York, March 4, 1949.

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JUDITH COPLON
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Transmitted herewith are eleven specimens taken from the eleven typewriters located in the Foreign Agents Registration Section, U. S. Dept. of Justice. This includes a full page of specimens taken from Royal typewriter, serial number K181-2562236, which is the only machine located in the room occupied by Subject. It is observed that this machine is located behind her desk and in such a position that would indicate she is probably the individual who uses this typewriter.

It is requested that the typewriting appearing on the enclosures be compared with the material found on Subject when she was arrested on March 4, 1949.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. CONCLUDED HANDWRITTEN NOTE TAKEN FROM SUBJECT'S PURSE IS IN SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING, USING WRITING IN DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FILE AS KNOWN. ONLY LATENT FINGERPRINT DEVELOPED ELIMINATED AS AGENT'S. TYPEWRITER COMPARISONS BEING MADE.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE -R. CONCLUDED ITEMS ONE THROUGH FOURTEEN AND THIRTYFOUR
PREPARED ON ROYAL ELITE TYPEWRITER LOCATED IN SUBJECTS OFFICE AT JUSTICE BUILDING.
CONCLUDED ITEMS TWENTYFIVE THROUGH THIRTYTHREE WHICH ARE CARBON COPIES PREPARED ON
ROYAL ELITE TYPEWRITER LOCATED IN ROOM TWO TWO ONE SIX SIX - TWO DOORS FROM SUBJECT'S
OFFICE. CONCLUDED ITEMS FIFTEEN THROUGH TWENTYFOUR AND THIRTYFIVE THROUGH THIRTY-
EIGHT PREPARED ON CORONA PICA PORTABLE OBTAINED FROM SUBJECT'S APARTMENT.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: March 6, 1949

FROM : SAC, GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title JUDITH COPLON

Character of Case ESPIONAGE - R

Field Office WFO

Symbol Number

Type of Surveillance (Technical or
Microphone)

1. Name and address of subject:

HAROLD P. SHAPIRO

1906 R Street, N. W. - telephone - HUDSON 9499

2. Location of technical operation:

Consolidated

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

None

4. Cost and manpower involved:

None. - Will be handled by established plant.

5. Adequacy of security:

Adequate

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6. Type of case involved:

Espionage - R

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

SHAPIRO is probably one of COPLON's closest contacts in Washington

8. Specific information being sought:

To ascertain nature of SHAPIRO's discussions with his friends and contacts concerning JUDITH COPLON.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

It has been stated a number of people have called him since COPLON's arrest.

10. Importance of case and subject:

SHAPIRO has been seeing COPLON practically every day since before Christmas, 1948. She has spent a number of nights in his apartment and he has registered as man and wife in hotels in Baltimore and Philadelphia with her.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail):

It is believed various individuals will be contacting SHAPIRO for information on the status of the COPLON case.

12. Risks of detection involved:

Will be operated from established plant

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

Until the trial of JUDITH COPLON

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency):

None known

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: March 6, 1949

FROM : R. F. WINTÉ, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

This is to advise that on March 5, 1949, the following log was maintained on instructions received from the Bureau:

1:20 P. M. Mr. WHITSON, of the Bureau, furnished the names of individuals that the Bureau desired interviewed in the captioned case. He stated that the individuals were to be requested to come to the WFO for the interview but that in the event they did not desire to come to the office, they were to be interviewed where found. Names of these individuals are as follows:

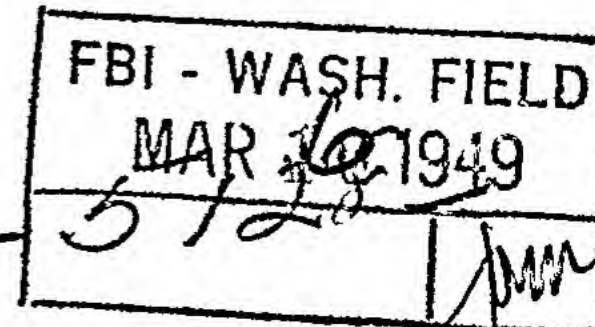
SARAH BECKER
BERNARD MORRIS
SEYMOUR P. NAGAN
JOY GAIL RAYWID
HAROLD SHAPIRO

2:30 P. M. Mr. LAMPHERE, of the Bureau, requested that RUTH ROSSEN be interviewed. He stated that Mr. FOLEY, of the Department, told him that COPLON had requested RUTH ROSSEN, Department Attorney, 4513 Butterworth Place, Northwest, to make available to her Internal Security - R matters. Mr. LAMPHERE requested that she be interviewed thoroughly as to her knowledge of COPLON's activities and to question her as to whether or not she made available to COPLON Internal Security - R matter or any other material.

2:40 P. M. Authority was granted by Mr. LAMPHERE, of the Bureau to interview NATHAN B. LENVIN.

3:10 P. M. Mr. WHITSON, of the Bureau, advised of the authorization of interview with ETTA TAYLOR.

3:40 P. M. Instructions received from Mr. LADD to interview ANNIE COMANDURAS and ESTHER PAULINE ANNIS.



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5:08 P. M. Instructions received from Mr. LADD, of the Bureau, to interview:

HAROLD DAVID KOFFSKY
JESSIE M. McKNIGHT
HARRY A. BECKER
SYDNEY S. BERMAN
RUTH N. BLAUSTEIN
STANLEY L. TEMKO
FRANCINE S. TEMKO

The above interviews requested by the Bureau all were covered on March 5, 1949, with the exception of the following:

ANNIE E. COMANDURAS
ESTHER PAULINE ANNIS
SYDNEY and FRANCINE TEMKO
JESSE M. MAC KNIGHT
SYDNEY S. BERMAN

These individuals were not interviewed in as much as they could not be located. The agents were instructed to locate them in the morning of March 6.

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Director, FBI

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SAC GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
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It is requested that approval be given to the Washington Field Office for interviewing the following named individuals who are acquainted with the subject:

McCaslin + Bower DAVID R. BOOKSTAVER - Professor, George Washington University
Blaylock + Howard IRENE HEBARD - Department of Justice. *613 Pearl Ave. SE T-23875*
Smiley + Pearson SEYMOUR KRIEGER - FCC-1707 *ST dt - (COUNCIL, KRIEGER - 2000000)*
Blum + Craig Wife - RITA KRIEGER - 1620 32nd Street, N. W.
McCaslin + Bower Mrs. RUTH LONGLEY - Department of Justice
Blum + Craig ALVIN SINDERBRAND - Student - Georgetown Law School - *Longley not from Bldg.*
McCaslin + Bower Wife - LORRAIN SINDERBRAND - 247 Delaware Avenue, S. W.
Blum + Craig ISMENE S. MICROUTSICOS - Department of Justice
McCaslin + Bower HORACE J. NICKELS - State Department
Combs + Bower MILTON QUINT - ECA
McCaslin + Bower JOSEPH STONE - Labor Department
McCaslin + Bower SYDNEY BRODIE - Department of Justice
McCaslin + Bower SONIA COHEN - United Nations
McCaslin + Bower [REDACTED] b3
McCaslin + Bower JOSEPH KLEIN - Department of Justice - *Japan. army*
McCaslin + Bower DORA SANDERS - Bureau of National Affairs - *World Rights. 24th St.*
McCaslin + Bower HERBERT STANTON - State Department
McCaslin + Bower LAWRENCE K. KNAPP - Former Chief, FARA Section, Dept. of Justice.

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15 Evelyn J. Winter - Justice. Mrs. Grace Evans
apt 305-1460 Irving St NW Co 2946 Cuyler.
Emile Dietrich 2276 Calhoun St. S. W. 4th

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY WFO WITH BUREAU APPROVAL...

HARRY A. BECKER, ATTORNEY, FCC, SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE OF SUBJ SINCE LATE FORTYTHREE OR EARLY FORTYFOUR IN NY AND WASH, ADVISED THAT ON MARCH TWO LAST DURING DINNER AT SHAPIROS APARTMENT IN PRESENCE OF HIMSELF AND SHAPIRO COPLON EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE FBI POSSIBLY HAVING HER PHONE TAPPED AND ASKED BECKER WHAT HE KNEW RE SUCH ACTIVITIES ON PART OF FBI. BECKER ASKED SUBJ WHAT HER CONCERN WAS ABOUT RE SUCH ACTIVITIES ON PART OF FBI AND SHE ASKED IF THEY WOULD LISTED TO DIRTY STORY WHEREUPON BECKER REPLIED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN THAT. SUBJ THEN MENTIONED CLICKING AND HUMMING NOISES SHE HAD NOTICED IN HER TELEPHONE.

MISS SARAH BECKER, EMPLOYED AMERICAN NATL RED CROSS, ADVISED SHE HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH COPLON SINCE FORTYTHREE WHEN BOTH EMPLOYED BY DEPT OF JUSTICE, NYC. SHE STATED SHE KNEW SUBJ TO BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MRS. SYDNEY SAMIS, NEE SHIRLEY ARONOW, WHO HAD BEEN A CLASSMATE OF COPLON AT BARNARD COLLEGE AND HAD ALSO WORKED WITH SUBJ. SHE ALSO STATED THAT ROBERT WOHLFORTH, HEAD OF DEPT OF JUSTICE

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STAFF IN NY, ELSIE FRIEMUS, ANOTHER ASSOCIATE AND CLASSMATE AT BARNARD, HELEN SIEGEL, PRACTICING ATTORNEY IN NYC, AND PAULINE BRAVER OF NYC WERE FRIENDS OF SUBJ. BECKER FURTHER STATED THAT PROF. PITTMAN POTTER WAS COPLONS FACULTY ADVISOR AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY RE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THESIS WHICH SHE IS PRESENTLY PREPARING. BECKER NAMED COPLONS CLOSE FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES IN WASH AS VIRGINIA MARINIO OF ANNAPOLIS, MD, AND NATHAN LENVIN AND HAROLD KOFFSKY, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEYS. BECKER ALSO STATED SUBJ WAS INTERESTED IN MODERN DANCE AND PHOTOGRAPHY AND OWNED EXPENSIVE CAMERA. SHE FURTHER STATED COPLON HAD VISITED NY AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH FOR PAST YEAR FOR PURPORTED PURPOSE OF VISITING PARENTS. IN HER CONVERSATIONS WITH COPLON THE LATTER SEEMED TO AVOID CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECTS, ESPECIALLY THE LOYALTY PROGRAM ABOUT WHICH SUBJ WAS VERY SENSITIVE AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO ANYONE THAT SHE MIGHT BE DISLOYAL TO GOVT. BECKER SAID SHE HAD HEARD THAT WHILE AT BARNARD COLLEGE SUBJ WAS MEMBER OF QUOTE LIBERAL OR RADICAL UNQUOTE GROUP AND THERE WERE RUMORS TO EFFECT THIS FACT PREVENTED SUBJ FROM BECOMING MEMBER OF PHI BETA KAPPA. MRS. RUTH NEARENBERG BLAUSTEIN, FORMER EMPLOYEE, DEPT OF JUSTICE, WASH, DC, ADVISED AS A STENO SHE HAD TAKEN DICTATION FROM COPLON FROM MAY TO OCTOBER FORTYSEVEN. SHE FURNISHED NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFO.

HAROLD DAVID KOFFSKY, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY, ADVISED HE HAD KNOWN SUBJ SINCE FEB. EIGHTEEN,, FORTYEIGHT, AS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE.

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HE HAD OBSERVED HER COPYING FROM FILES AND ABSTRACTS BUT AS THIS WAS PART OF HER DUTIES WAS NOT SUSPICIOUS OF HER. SHE ALWAYS APPEARED TO BE QUOTE FLUSH UNQUOTE WITH MONEY AND AT TIMES HAD AS HIGH AS THREE OR FOUR UNCASHED PAY CHECKS IN POSSESSION.

NATHAN B. LENVIN, DEPT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEY, ADVISED HE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SUBJ IN FAR SECTION OF DEPT SINCE JULY FORTYFIVE. HE SAID RECENTLY ONE NORMAN BURLER, FORMER DEPT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEE, AFTER TESTIFYING BEFORE HCUA RE COMMUNIST MATTERS VISITED COPLON IN HER OFFICE. THE LATTER EXPRESSED GREAT INDIGNATION AFTER HIS DEPARTURE OVER FACT THAT ANYONE HAVING RED TINGE WOULD VISIT PEOPLE HOLDING RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS IN DEPT.

JOY GAIL RAYWID, DEPT OF LABOR EMPLOYEE, FURNISHED NO PERTINENT INFO. MRS. RUTH ROSSEN, EMPLOYED DEPT OF JUSTICE SINCE THIRTYFIVE, SAID SHE BEGAN WORK IN INTERNAL SECURITY SEC. ONE MONTH AGO AND AT TIME MET

SUBJ AS FELLOW EMPLOYEE. HER WORK CONSISTED OF REVIEWING FBI INTERNAL SECURITY REPORTS AS TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES BY ^{Various} VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS - PARTICULARLY

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WHICH THEY MIGHT BE PROSECUTED OR DEPORTED. COPLON HAD FORMERLY DONE THIS WORK AND WITHIN FEW DAYS AFTER SHE HAD ENTERED SECTION COPLON ASKED THAT REPORTS MARKED IS-R AND ANY REPORTS REFERRING TO OR REPORTING

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INFO RE INDIVIDUALS CONTACTING FOREIGN LEGATIONS OR EMBASSIES BE ROUTED TO HER.

HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, ATTORNEY, APPELLATE DIV, DEPT OF JUSTICE, SAID HE HAD MET COPLON IN AUGUST FORTYEIGHT IN OFFICE OF SYDNEY BRODIE AND HENRY PUTZEL, BOTH ATTORNEYS IN DEPT. HE WAS CLOSE SOCIAL ACQUAINTANCE OF COPLON AND AWARE OF FACT SHE MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO NY, RECALLING SPECIFICALLY THOSE MADE ON JAN. FOURTEEN AND NINETEEN, FEB. EIGHTEEN AND MARCH FOUR LAST. COPLONS TRIP ON JAN. NINETEEN MADE PRIMARILY AT HIS BEHEST DUE TO FACT HE HAD OBTAINED NY PLAY TICKETS AND REQUESTED SHE ACCOMPANY HIM. HE FURNISHED NO FURTHER PERTINENT INFO.

MISS ETTA TAYLOR, DEPT OF JUSTICE STENO, ADVISED SHE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO TAKE DICTATION FROM SUBJ FOR PAST YEAR AND IN THIS CONNECTION PREPARED DATA SLIPS CONTAINING EXCERPTS FROM FBI REPORTS AT COPLONS DIRECTION. COPIES OF DATA SLIPS MADE FOR EACH PERSON OR ORGANIZATION APPEARING IN BODY OF REPORT AS UNDERLINED BY SUBJ AND WERE FILED IN CABINETS ALONG WALLS OF ROOM OCCUPIED BY COPLON EITHER BY SUBJ OR TAYLOR. TAYLOR SAID SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PARTICULAR DATA SLIPS FOUND IN COPLONS POSSESSION AT ARREST AS HAVING BEEN PREPARED BY HER BUT STATED SHE IS ONLY ONE WHO PREPARES SUCH SLIPS AT PRESENT. NONE OF INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED COULD FURNISH INFO RE ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES ON PART OF COPLON.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP R. SUGGESTED TO NY THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO SEARCH SUBJECTS HOME BY MEANS OF WARRANT OR CONSENT BY PARENTS. ALSO INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT BARNARD COLLEGE TO ASCERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS. NY OFFICE IS URGENTLY REQUESTED TO KEEP THIS OFFICE, OFFICE OF ORIGIN, ADVISED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE OCCURING IN THAT AREA.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 1, 1949

JUDITH COPLON, ESP-R. MRS. FLORENCE FISCHMAN MORSE, A CONTACT OF SUBJECT
EMPLOYED REMINGTON RAND, NYC, AS CLERK TYPIST FROM JULY TO AUGUST FORTYONE,
UNDER MAIDEN NAME, FISCHMAN. RECORDS IN POSSESSION OF S. B. BENTON, PAYROLL
DEPARTMENT, REMINGTON RAND, FOUR SIX FIVE WASHINGTON STREET, BUFFALO.
SECURE ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION RE MORSE AND SUTEL. MORSE DESCRIBED
AS WHITE, FEMALE, BORN JUNE TWENTYONE, NINETEEN TWENTYONE, YONKERS, NY.
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. ZERO SEVEN SIX DASH ONE FOUR DASH EIGHT SEVEN FIVE TWO.
ADDRESS DURING THIS PERIOD THREE NINE FIVE RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC. INVESTI-
GATION MUST BE HANDLED IN A CONFIDENTIAL MANNER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

At 11:25 March 4, 1949, Mr. FLETCHER instructed the writer to detail two agents immediately to cover the room of COPLON so as to make certain that no one gained entry thereto. Agents TIERNEY and BUCHHOLZ were immediately instructed to cover this assignment and to remain in such position as to keep this room within sight until they were relieved and to see to it that no one gained entrance to it.

Agents CRAIG and FUOSS were immediately advised by the writer to relieve TIERNEY and BUCHHOLZ on this assignment at 8:30 A. M., March 5, 1949 and to follow the same instructions as previously pointed out.

Special Agent OBERNDORF was instructed to report to this office at 9:00 A. M. for purpose of supervising and handling the anticipated search of COPLON's room.

At 11:30 P. M. on March 4, 1949, Agent JONES telephonically furnished Agent FIRDERKO at the Russian Plant the salient details in this case with instructions to immediately advise the writer if any pertinent telephone calls were received with regard to the arrest of GUBITCHEV.

In accordance with my instructions, JONES furnished the identical information to Special Agents LaFRANCE and MINNO, LaFRANCE being scheduled to assume duty at 12 Midnight and MINNO at 8:00 A. M.

At 11:50 P. M., Fr. FLETCHER instructed the writer to obtain specimens from all typewriters in the Foreign Agent's Registration Section of the Department and this assignment was given by the writer to Special Agent JONES to handle the first thin in the A. M. of March 5, 1949.

At approximately 12 Midnight, March 4, 1949, Mr. FLETCHER instructed the writer to be available in the office the morning of March 5 and to have agent personnel available for the purpose of conducting a search of COPLON's room. He instructed this search not be conducted until Bureau instructions to do so were received, dependent on whether a waiver of search could be obtained from COPLON or a search warrant secured.

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At 6:00 A. M. On March 5, 1949, Agent MILNES, on duty in Mr. FLETCHER's office, stated that FLETCHER desired the writer to telephonically contact Mr. FAY, USA, at 8:00 A. M., and arrange to secure a search warrant for COPLON's room. In response to my question, MILNES stated that no additional authority from the Bureau would need to be requested to conduct the search after the warrant had been obtained.

In response to my request to whether the Bureau and/or the Department had decided as to the material and wording to be included in the affidavits and warrant, he advised that this apparently had not been specifically decided on but stated the affidavits should be based on the documents COPLON had in her purse at the time of her arrest and on information and belief for the purpose of securing the typewriter used by her in preparing the abstracts found in her possession. He stated that we should be certain in obtaining the affidavits not to indicate in any way any illegal action which may have been participated in during this investigation. He advised that complaints had already been filed in New York City against COPLON and GUBITCHEV.

At 8:00 A. M. I telephonically contacted Mr. FAY at his home. He stated he had been contacted earlier that morning by Mr. FORD, of the Department, and had received Mr. FORD's instructions to assist in any way possible in the preparation of the search warrant. At that time Mr. FAY suggested that the affidavit for the search warrant state that on information it was known that COPLON, on her arrest, had been found to possess 34 abstracts of reports on security matter and espionage cases and that on information and belief she was believed to be in the possession of, to own or to operate a typewriter used to produce these abstracts. He stated that the prayer should be broad enough to cover any other material found at COPLON's home which might assist in this case. He advised that he would be available for the purpose of consultation in the event he was needed.

Through arrangement with U. S. Commissioner LAWRENCE, the writer, accompanied by Agents MENDENHALL and PAYNE appeared in his office at 9:00 A. M., on March 5, 1949. Shortly after our arrival, the writer was advised that Assistant United States Attorney CHARLES MURRAY was being designated by Mr. FAY to assist in the preparation of the search warrant.

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At 9:45 A. M., Agent MILNES furnished me the message that Assistant Director NICHOLS had specifically instructed that the agents on duty in the COPLON room be warned against furnishing any information or comments to the press. Since they were not telephonically available, I instructed Agent PAYNE to contact MARY JANE CRETZMEYER, a Bureau employee who resides at Jefferson Hall, to contact the agents for this purpose.

At approximately 10:15 A. M., AUSA MURRAY appeared at Mr. LAWRENCE's office and in a preliminary discussion with Mr. LAWRENCE it was felt by Mr. MURRAY that more adequate consideration should be given this matter before the preparation of the search warrant. Mr. MURRAY, the writer and Agents MENDENHALL and PAYNE then went to Mr. FAY's office where Mr. MURRAY, after checking the law on the subject, began the preliminary preparation of the search warrant. At approximately 11:00 A. M., Mr. MURRAY was joined by USA FAY and thereafter, an affidavit was prepared for the writer and Agent PAYNE. Upon their completion and before going to the U. S. Commissioner's Office, the writer telephonically contacted Mr. LADD and read the affidavits to him and Mr. NICHOLS. Mr. LADD instructed that these affidavits not be filed in that they furnished objectionable details in the case. He instructed me to tell FAY to call Assistant Attorney General FORD and that no affidavits were to be filed without his, LADD's approval.

During the discussion with Mr. FAY and Mr. MURRAY, it was pointed out by them that a legal search warrant cannot be obtained purely on information and belief. They stated it is necessary that the warrant be supported by actual knowledge and in support of this Mr. MURRAY cited the case of SCHENKS vs. U. S., 2 Fed. Second 185, 55 Appeals, D. C. 84.

Thereafter, as the result of several telephone calls with Mr. FORD, of the Department, the attached affidavit of Special Agent PAYNE was prepared.

Based on the decision of Mr. FAY and MURRAY, after their telephone conference with Mr. FORD, the writer telephonically informed Mr. LADD that the only affidavit involving Bureau personnel to be submitted was the attached affidavit of PAYNE, which I then proceeded to read to him. Mr. LADD indicated that this was considerably more within the desires of the Bureau in this matter. I then informed him that we had

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located a colored maid employed at McLean Gardens who could testify that within a recent period while cleaning COPLON's room she had observed a typewriter. I advised him that with Mr. FAY's approval she was being brought to the Commissioner's office and an affidavit to that effect would be secured from her and he approved of this procedure.

I also advised Mr. LADD that the USC, MURRAY, FAY and FORD had agreed that rather than have a New York Agent come to Washington that it would be agreeable and legal to have Agent PAYNE talk to Agent T. SCOTT MILLER, JR., of the New York Office (whom WHITSON, of the Bureau, had in the meantime identified to the writer telephonically as the New York Agent who had removed from the purse of COPLON the 34 abstracts) identify MILLER as a Bureau agent through voice recognition, so state to the Commissioner, who would then accept an oral statement for the purpose of the search warrant. Mr. LADD agreed to this also with the qualification that MILLER would testify only that he removed these documents from COPLON's purse. Mr. LADD instructed that he be advised immediately as to exactly what was stated by MILLER. I immediately furnished these instructions to ASAC BELMONT and Agent MILLER, of the New York Office and requested BELMONT to advise Mr. LADD as to what was said by MILLER since it was impossible for me to cover the call at the Commissioner's office. I asked BELMONT to tell Mr. LADD that if he disagreed with any statement made by MILLER, to contact me immediately in the Commissioner's office so that I could take appropriate action.

Thereafter, as hereinbefore indicated, MILLER spoke to the Commissioner and furnished his affidavit. No contact was made of the writer by Mr. LADD.

During the hearing, GERALDINE DeVAUGHN, the colored employee at McLean Gardens, appeared before the Commissioner and furnished the attached affidavit.

Thereafter an affidavit for search warrant, supported by the affidavits of PAYNE, MILLER and DeVAUGHN, was prepared and a search warrant was issued by the Commissioner directed to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and based on reason to believe that COPLON has concealed in her room certain property, namely, "typewriter,

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typewriting paper, carbon paper, erasers, documents and files belonging to the U. S. Department of Justice relating to the National Defense, which are the instrumentalities and fruits of violations of Title 18, Sections 371, 793, 794 and 2071, U. S. Code."

The writer then telephonically contacted Mr. LADD and advised him of the contents of the affidavit for search warrant and the search warrant, copies of which are attached to this memo.

At the same time I advised Mr. LADD that it was the very definite opinion of Mr. MURRAY that because of the deletion of the material considered objectionable in the previous affidavits by the Bureau and by Mr. FORD, that to remain within the legal limits of the search warrant, we would be enabled only to seize a typewriter if found in COPLON's room. When Mr. LADD asked for an explanation of this, I advised him that it was Mr. MURRAY's opinion and also the opinion of the Commissioner that the search warrant would authorize the seizure of only that material identified in the search warrant and since the affidavits were so restricted, they could of necessity apply only to the typewriter. I further advised Mr. LADD that Mr. MURRAY and the Commissioner were both very dubious about the legality of extending the search beyond that necessary to locate the typewriter and that Mr. MURRAY had suggested that if in addition to the typewriter, other material was observed during the search which appeared pertinent that it not be seized but that consideration be given to the issuance of an additional search warrant on the theory that the original search warrant provided an original legal search in the execution of which evidence not specified in the search warrant was observed. I explained to Mr. LADD that MURRAY was of the opinion that even with this, it was rather questionable from a legal standpoint as to the extent to which such an exploratory search could be extended.

I told Mr. LADD I therefore, had instructed agents to institute search to seize the typewriter and no other material and that if any other material were observed, it would be taken up with the Bureau and the USA. He agreed to the procedure.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 4, 1949

At 1:05 P. M. today, I advised SAC SCHEIDT of the New York Division that the subject had left Washington on Pennsylvania Senator train #176, at 1:00 P. M. today and will arrive in NYC at 4:45 P. M. I told him she was in coach #1629, in the center of the train at the time of departure and that she is wearing a gray-tan kerchief with dime sized black circular figures with white centers over her head; black cloth full length sweep winter coat; carrying the red imitation alligator make-up kit she has previously carried to NY; and the black pocketbook with gold trim which she has previously carried to NY.

I advised him that Agents THOMAS A. MENDENHALL and H. DUDLEY PAYNE are accompanying subject and furnished him the following descriptions:

MENDENHALL

Age:	31	Gray gabardine top coat;
Height:	6' 1"	tan snap brim hat; gray plaid suit;
Weight:	175	orange and blue necktie
Broad Face		

I told Mr. SCHEIDT that MENDENHALL's clothing is exactly the same as he wore on the last trip with COPLON to New York and that MENDENHALL and Agent WIRTH of the New York Division know each other.

PAYNE

Age:	38	Blue-gray top coat;
Height:	5' 10"	gray suit; red tie
Weight:	180	

I advised Mr. SCHEIDT that MENDENHALL and PAYNE had been instructed to turn the surveillance over to the NYC Agents at the Station and then to proceed to the NY Division to await instructions and not to participate in the physical surveillance after it is taken over by the New York Office.

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TO : SAC GUY HOTTEL

FROM : SA HAROLD BRUEGGEMAN

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 7, 1949

On March 5, 1949 the writer received the following information from and supplied it immediately to Mr. Whitson on the times indicated:

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10:00 AM LEV S. TOLOKONNIKOV, Chief of the Soviet Consulate Division, made reservations to NYC, leaving Washington by airline at 11:05 AM, and arriving NYC 12:45 PM.

10:16 AM LEONID A. MOROZOV, 1st. Secretary of the Russian Delegation to UN, called IVAN IPPOLITOV, Secretary to the Russian Ambassador to advise the Amb. of the arrest of a Soviet citizen. MOROZOV said that V.A. GUBITCHEV had called him at 6:00 AM to tell him of the arrest. Morozov said that Gubitchev had been arrested on the street last night, and had not been permitted to call his superiors until this morning. Morozov said that he went to the F.B.I. at 7:45 AM this date to see Gubitchev, but that they would not allow him to see Gubitchev, that they insisted on certain formalities, and that they said they didn't understand Russian. Ippolitov said he would tell the Amb. Ippolitov called Morozov back at once and wanted to know Gubitchev's exact position - Morozov said it was Third Secretary, and he was an Engineer in the planning of the new building. Morozov could not say where Gubitchev was being held, but promised to have the exact address by the time Tolokonnikov reached NY.

11:37 AM RUFINA B. SOLDATOVA advised Ippolitov that Gubitchev was an Officer, Grade 13, Degree 3. She stated that Morozov has not been able to see Gubitchev as yet.

12:05 PM Ippolitov called Mr. James Webb, Under Secretary of State, and requested an immediate appointment for Amb. Panyushkin.

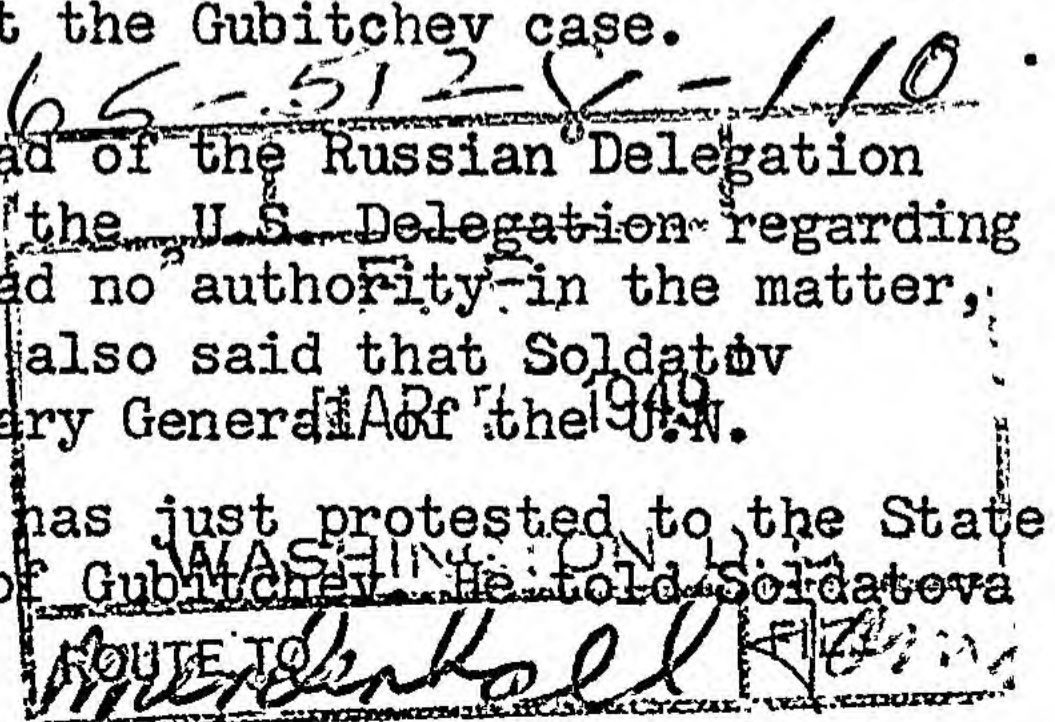
12:10 PM Hamelsine, in Webb's office at State Dept., said Webb would see Panyushkin at 1:00 PM.

12:16 PM Ippolitov told Boris K. Sokolov that he would go with the Amb. to the State Dept.

12:16 PM A. G. Artamonov, of the Cultural Section of the Embassy, told Alexandrov, of Tass, NYC, to collect all information about the Gubitchev case.

1:07 PM Soldatova told Ippolitov that Y. A. Malik, head of the Russian Delegation to UN had protested to Warren Austin, head of the U.S. Delegation regarding the arrest of Gubitchev, and Austin said he had no authority in the matter, but would take it up with the State Dept. She also said that Soldatov had just gone to see the Assn't to the Secretary General of the U.N.

2:05 PM Ippolitov told Soldatova that the Soviet Amb. has just protested to the State Dept. and had demanded the immediate release of Gubitchev. He told Soldatova to pass this on to Malik.



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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

At 8:40 A. M. on March 5, 1949, Supervisor GODFREY of the Bureau stated that Mr. LADD had instructed that JOE AMSHEY, who is employed in the office of JACK NEAL at the State Department, home telephone COLUMBIA-1922, be contacted and that he be permitted to sit in on the interview with PAULINE ANNIS.

Agent DONALD D. CONNORS who is handling this interview, was immediately given these instructions and it was subsequently ascertained that AMSHEY had sat in on this interview.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: March 5, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 5:25 P. M., March 5, 1949, Special Agent OBERNDORF advised me that the search at COPLON's room had been completed and that the only material found was a Corona portable typewriter, a box of carbon paper and some cheap stationery which did not appear to have a watermark but which appeared to be typewriter stationery. I instructed him to maintain the surveillance and to wait for a call from me.

I immediately communicated this information to Supervisor WHITSON at the Bureau and received his instructions that all of this material should be seized provided this met with the approval of AUSA MURRAY.

The writer was then advised by Agent OBERNDORF that an examination of the 1948 diary in COPLON's room contained the following entry for Friday, December 10:

- "1. PETUKIN
2. BARNARD"

I telephonically contacted AUSA MURRAY and with regard to the typewriter, carbon paper and stationery, he instructed that this material be seized on the basis of the existing search warrant. With regard to the diary entry, he stated he felt this would not be covered by the existing search warrant and that if the Bureau desired to obtain this as evidence, he would recommend the obtaining of an additional search warrant. However, he did point out that a cryptic entry such as this, not supported by other notation, in an actual trial would probably not be of too great importance since undoubtedly, if it became of such importance it would be supported by stronger information pointing to COPLON.

At 5:50 P. M., I communicated this information to WHITSON with the advice that the name PETUKIN is negative in our indices and means nothing to us so far as the COPLON case is concerned. WHITSON stated he desired to consider this matter further and also to check the Bureau indices and would advise the writer later.

At 6:30 P. M., Supervisor GODFREY advised he was calling for WHITSON and stated the Bureau files contained only one reference which did not appear to pertain to PETUKIN. He stated he had discussed this with Mr. LADD who advised if the facts concerning the diary entry con-

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stituted the complete circumstances that it did not appear to be of sufficient importance to go any further. I then advised GODFREY we would not request the additional search warrant and asked for Bureau instructions as to whether the surveillance, which has been maintained since Midnight March 4, 1949, should be discontinued. At 6:40 P. M. he advised me that Mr. LADD had approved the discontinuance of this surveillance.

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Director, FBI Attn: FBI Laboratory

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JUDITH COPLON
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Transmitted herewith is the following material which was found in the desk in subject's residence at McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C., on the afternoon of March 5, 1949, during the course of a search of the subject's quarters conducted on the basis of a search warrant:

1. One box of Write carbon paper, size 8 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", manufactured by Write, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, containing black light weight special use carbon paper.
2. Two sheets of writing paper, mottled in appearance.
3. Four sheets of typing paper.
4. Two half sheets of bond paper.
5. One abstract pad of 13 pages.

It is requested that Items 2 to 5 be compared with specimens received from the New York Office consisting of the documents taken from the subject at the time of her arrest in that city. It is requested further that if possible it be determined if the carbon paper submitted herewith may have been used in preparing the documents found in the subject's possession at the time of her arrest. The Laboratory is requested further to conduct any other examination which the Laboratory deems advisable and pertinent to this investigation.

It is suggested that the specimens submitted herewith be returned to this office on completing the examination.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

At 10:00 A. M. this morning, Inspector LAUGHLIN and Supervisor LAMPHERE of the Bureau instructed the writer to have an immediate inventory made of the data (abstract) sheets maintained in the Foreign Agents Registration Office and in this connection to originate this examination by a contact with Mr. FOLEY. They instructed that particular attention be given to identifying Bureau major cases on which COPLON could have secured information, such as the ADAMS and WITZACK cases.

They advised the Bureau has received information that the Department plans to integrate the data sheets in the FAR Section with the general Department files and pointed out that of course this procedure, in view of developments in the COPLON case, would be undesirable from the Bureau's standpoint. Mr. FOLEY is to be asked concerning plans in this regard, however, no opinion or request is to be made to him, and the Bureau is to be advised.

They also instructed that the inventory should include the location of the original Departmental documents from which the material found in COPLON's possession is a copy of or was copied from and that all duplicates of these originals in the FAR Section should be identified and located.

General interview with Mr. FOLEY concerning the administration of the Section, type of material to which COPLON had access by virtue of her duties, etc., was approved. They advised that this authority extends not only to the FAR Section but also to the Internal Security Section, which is under Mr. FOLEY.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : THOMAS A. HENDENHALL, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 7, 1949

At 12:10 P. M. this date, Mr. LEO LAUGHLIN of the Bureau called and advised he had been in touch with ASAC BELMONT in New York who advised that U. S. Attorney WHEARTTY desired the following steps be taken by the WFO:

1. Submit a report by TONIGHT, or summary of activities of COPLON.
2. Have agents involved ready to appear before the Grand Jury.

He advised that Mr. WHEARTTY had presented facts to a Grand Jury this morning and that it had been adjourned for the day but was expected to be in session again on Wednesday, March 9, 1949.

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Mr. LAUGHLIN further advised that one LEO ROSS, of the ~~Internal Security~~ Section of the Department, had talked with Mr. EDWARD McCABE concerning COPLON and advised that he had information which he desired to furnish. Mr. ROSS indicated that he desired to be contacted outside of his office.

Concerning ROSS' background, Mr. LAUGHLIN advised that Mr. McCABE had stated that ROSS is a Fordham graduate and seems reliable. He stated, however, that there should be no deviation from our policy of receiving information but giving none.

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Have agent call Ross at 1000 17th St. N.W. and get info on him.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 7, 1949

At 10:55 A. M. this morning, U. S. Attorney FAY telephonically contacted the writer and wanted to be advised as to whether any difficulty had been encountered in connection with the service of the Search Warrant on COPLON's room and as to the nature of the material seized in connection with this Warrant.

I advised him that no difficulty had been encountered and that based on the Search Warrant, we had received a typewriter, carbon paper, and what appeared to be some typewriting paper.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. D'LAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 7, 1949

On March 7, 1949, Supervisor WHITSON of the Bureau instructed the writer to obtain the automobile and individual registers for the Justice Department and all buildings where Justice personnel are stationed covering the period from 6:00 A. M., March 5, 1949 to midnight, Sunday night, March 6, 1949.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : H. LUDLEY PAYNE, Special Agent

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: March 7, 1949

Mr. ROBERT LANPHERE of the Bureau called the writer this morning and stated he had received a call from Miss EVELYN J. WINTER concerning a telephone call which she had received from Mrs. GRACE EVANS who resides at 1460 Irving Street, N. W., apartment 305, telephone COLUMBIA-2946, reporting that she had some information concerning JUDITH COPLON and her activities. She desired that an agent interview her.

This lead was assigned to Special Agents MILTON SINGMAN and HERBERT H. HAWKINS to handle this afternoon.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 16, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

On March 16, 1949, Inspector FLETCHER advised that he had discussed with Mr. FOLEY of the FARS the possibility of making an analysis of the records of that Section for the purpose of determining those cases on which COPLON had furnished or removed information. He stated that as a result of this, he desired that a detailed analysis be made of the data sheets on file in the FARS in an attempt to determine those instances where copies of the data sheets are missing.

He instructed that the analysis be made by locating the original data sheet and then checking to determine if the copies indicated on the original sheet are on file or missing. He stated it would be necessary to note only those cases where copies are missing and those instances may be ignored in which the original and all copies are accounted for. He pointed out that he felt the present position of the Bureau with respect to this case indefensible in that we are unable to show the obtaining or furnishing of any information by COPLON except for a very recent period of time.

I pointed out to Mr. FLETCHER that this identical project had been considered by this office when the original survey of the FARS was ordered by the Bureau and that for the time being we had decided not to attempt to conduct such an analysis because of the tremendous quantity of these data sheets, the lack of system used in filing them, and the feeling on the part of this office that such an analysis, if completed, would not be a conclusive finding that COPLON had removed the missing sheets from the FARS files.

Mr. FLETCHER instructed that it would be necessary to make such an analysis unless the WFO could show to the Bureau that such an examination would be illogical or valueless.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

With regard to the previous memorandum dated today detailing instructions from the Bureau that research be conducted through the FAR Section of the Department, Supervisor LAIPHERE advised me at 1:45 P. M. that Mr. LADD was especially interested that we be alert for data sheets on REDNER and SHEVSHENKO (phonetic).

Mr. LAIPHERE stated that Mr. LADD is especially anxious to be advised, probably through Mr. FOLEY, as to whether COPLON had access to the Security Index lists which we send to the Department.

Agent COURTLAND J. JONES is handling this assignment.

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SAC'S NEW YORK URGENT
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. RE NEW YORK LETTER MARCH FOUR. CONCLUDED
PAPER ITEMS THIRTY SIX, THIRTY SEVEN AND THIRTY EIGHT, AND FOUR SHEETS
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

FBI WASHINGTON FIELD

DIRECTOR, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SUMMARY MEMORANDUM CONCERNING ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON FOUND ON PERSON OF COPLON WHEN SHE WAS ARRESTED. IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGH ROUTINE INQUIRY OF OFFICE OF LT. COLONEL GEORGE T. PITTS, JR., MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, THAT STEVENSON HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AT ARLINGTON HALL STATION OF SIGNAL CORPS SINCE FEBRUARY 21, 1946, AND IS STILL THERE. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO BUREAU LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 3, 1948, AND WFO LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 17, 1948, CONCERNING PROTECTION OF VITAL STATISTICS WHEREIN ARLINGTON HALL STATION IS NAMED AS A VITAL INSTALLATION, BY DEPARTMENT OF ARMY. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE THIS OFFICE WHETHER IT DESIRES THIS INCIDENT INVOLVING STEVENSON TO BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED LT. COLONEL PITTS BY WFO PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN BUREAU AND DEPARTMENT OF ARMY OR WHETHER BUREAU WILL HANDLE ON HIGHER LEVEL.

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Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R, RE BUREAU PHONE CALL MARCH SIX.
LOUIS NEMZER INTERVIEW MARCH SEVEN AT RESIDENCE, FOUR FIVE ONE
LOVEMAN AVENUE, WORTHINGTON, OHIO. NEMZER BORN NYC AUGUST FIFTEEN
NINETEEN THIRTEEN, MARRIED, HAS THREE CHILDREN, AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPT.
OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, SINCE OCT., FORTYEIGHT. HE IS ALSO
CONSULTANT OF DEPT. OF STATE, OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL RESEARCH. ADVISES
HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., PROBABLY MARCH SEVENTEEN. NEMZER
MET COPLON WHOM HE CALLS JUDY IN FALL OF FORTYFOUR WHEN SHE
BECAME EMPLOYEE OF FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION OF
DEPARTMENT, ALSO OF OPINION SHE TRANSFERRED TO THIS SECTION FROM
ANTITRUST DIVISION. HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN COPLON. NEMZER SAID
COPLON HAD LITTLE PROFICIENCY IN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BUT HANDLED
FRENCH FAIRLY WELL. SHE HAD NO REAL RESPONSIBILITY BUT
ASSISTED NEMZER, WHO WAS ASSISTANT CHIEF IN FOREIGN AGENTS
REGISTRATION ACT SECTION. COPLON DESCRIBED BY NEMZER AS POLITICALLY
SOPHISTICATED, INTERPRETED BY HIM AS MEANING ONE SOMETIMES LEARNS
BY BEING BURNED, THAT SHE KNEW THE PARTY LINE, COULD INTERPRET A
PARTY SPEECH, COULD ANALYZE, SEEMED TO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN WATCHING
PARTY PERFORM, BUT NEVER MENTIONED ANY PRESENT OR PRIOR MEMBERSHIP
IN CP. NEMZER DOES NOT FEEL COPLON WOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED
INFORMATION CONCERNING ANY CP CONNECTIONS ON HER PART. ALSO BELIEVED
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QUOTE THE MOST ACCOMPLISHED ACTRESS HE HAD EVER KNOWN UNQUOTE
IF SHE WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH CP. NEMZER QUOTE WOULD BE TREMENDOUSLY
STARTLED IF SHE HAD ANY IDEOLOGICAL LOYALTY TO COMMUNIST
PARTY UNQUOTE. COPLON WAS VERY INDUSTRIOUS GIRL, EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE,
GREATLY FRUSTRATED, MOODY, POSSESSED OF ACTIVE BUT NOT FIRST RATE
MIND. SHE WAS ONLY PERSON AND NEMZER KNEW OF NO STRONG FRIENDSHIPS
SHE HAD. ONLY CLUE TO ANY CP CONNECTION WAS THAT COPLON VOLUNTEERED
SHE HAD TALKED WITH MARTIN POPPER OF NATIONAL ~~OF NATIONAL~~
LAWYERS GUILD AND HAD HAD LUNCH WITH POPPER QUOTE A COUPLE OF TIMES
UNQUOTE. AT TIME POPPER-S NAME WAS MENTIONED HE WAS ONE OF
ATTORNEYS FOR POLISH GOVT. IN WASHINGTON. NEMZER HAD
REFUSED TO MEET POPPER OUTSIDE OF DEPT. BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED POPPER FEL-
LOW TRAVELER WHO WAS ALWAYS IN CP FRONT ORGANIZATIONS. NEMZERS CONTACT
WITH POPPER HAD BEEN DURING DISCUSSION IN DEPT. OF A POLISH MOTION
PICTURE CO. AND RELATING TO MATTERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF NEMZERS
SECTION. NEMZER DESCRIBED POPPER AS A PERSUASIVE SPEAKER WHO
COULD HAVE INFLUENCED COPLON DUE TO HER EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY.
NEMZER SAID ABOVE INCIDENT IS ONLY A CLUE AND NOTHING DEFINITE IS
KNOWN BY HIM OF RELATIONSHIP OF COPLON AND POPPER. COPLON WAS
SINGLE, AND RESIDED ALONE IN WASHINGTON, LATER TO BEST BELIEF OF
NEMZER MOVED INTO SOME DORMITORY IN WASHINGTON, DATE AND ADDRESS
UNKNOWN. COPLON MENTIONED TWO GIRL FRIENDS SHE HAD KNOWN IN NEW
YORK, BUT NAMES ARE NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER. SHE MENTIONED
HER PARENTS AND BROTHER IN NEW YORK. COPLON KNOWN TO BERNARD S. MORRIS,
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FELLOW EMPLOYEE, PRESENTLY WITH STATE DEPARTMENT, FORMERLY WITH JUSTICE, WHO WAS HIRED ABOUT SAME TIME AS COPLON, BUT NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH COPLON PRIOR TO ASSOCIATION IN JUSTICE DEPT. SIDNEY BRODY, CRIMINAL DIV., JUSTICE, HAD SOME DIFFERENCES BELIEVED PERSONAL, WITH COPLON. ^{Nathan Lendin} NATHANIEL LENDIN, JUSTICE, IN OFFICE NEXT TO COPLON, WAS FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF COPLON, BUT EXTENT OF HIS CONTACT WITH HER UNKNOWN. EXTENT OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND SOCIAL CONTACTS OUTSIDE DEPT. NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER. NEMZER KNOWS OF NO CONTACTS OF COPLON WHO WERE CONNECTED WITH CP OTHER THAN POPPER MENTIONED ABOVE. COPLON MADE FREQUENT WEEKEND TRIPS TO NEW YORK OFTEN LEAVING MIDDLE OF FRIDAY AFTERNOONS. ASSUMPTION ~~ON XXX~~ ON PART OF NEMZER WAS THAT COPLON WENT TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH EARLY FRIENDS BECAUSE SHE WAS SUCH QUOTE A LONELY PERSON UNQUOTE. EXACT DATES OF TRIPS NOT KNOWN TO NEMZER, BUT GENERALLY WERE WEEKEND TRIPS, AND ON OCCASION, DATES NOT RECALLED, COPLON STAYED IN NY, BELIEVED ON VACATION. IN SUMMER OF FORTYEIGHT COPLON SURPRISED NEMZER BY ANNOUNCING SHE WAS TAKING A CONDUCTED TOUR TO FRANCE DESPITE FACT SHE HAD ALLEGEDLY PREVIOUSLY STATED SHE WAS TAKING SUMMER OFF TO WRITE A THESIS ON QUOTE FRENCH PROPAGANDA IN UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR TWO UNQUOTE. UPON RETURN TO U. S. IN SUMMER OR EARLY FALL OF FORTYEIGHT COPLON DID NOT APPEAR TO ~~SEEM~~ LOOK WELL TO NEMZER. COPLON STATED TO NEMZER THAT TRIP HAD BEEN MERELY A SIGHTSEEING TOUR AND NO CONTACTS WERE MENTIONED BY HER. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF COPLON APPEARED TO BE USUALLY GOOD

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AND SHE STATED SHE HAD SUFFICIENT MONEY FOR TRIP TO FRANCE. COPLON NEVER MENTIONED ANY FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES TO NEMZER. COPLON STATED TO NEMZER DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DURING FORTYEIGHT ON OCCASION WHEN NEMZER WAS IN WASHINGTON D. C. THAT SHE WAS LOCATING AN APARTMENT FOR HER DOCTOR, NAME UNKNOWN, AND DID NOT HAVE TIME TO JOIN NEMZER AND FORMER ASSOCIATES FOR LUNCHEON. COPLON HAD BEEN TREATED BY DOCTOR FOR FEMALE TROUBLE AND HAD UNDERGONE OPERATION DURING PAST TWO YEARS. NEMZER FELT THAT COPLON HAD ~~QUOTED~~ QUOTE WEASELED UNQUOTE OUT OF LUNCHEON. NEMZER TOOK BERNARD S MORRIS TO STATE DEPT. WITH HIM WHEN HE WENT WITH THAT DEPT. PRIOR THERETO COPLON ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ AND MORRIS HAD BEEN PROMISED SALARY RAISED BY JUSTICE.

COPLON SEEMED WILLING TO TRANSFER TO STATE DEPT. IF REQUESTED, BUT NEAR END OF FORTYSEVEN COPLON CHANGED VIEWS ABOUT TRANSFERRING FROM JUSTICE, WHICH SURPRISED NEMZER ALTHOUGH NEMZER KNEW OF NO EXPLANATION FOR HER CHANGE. NEMZER TALKED WITH SUPERVISOR OF COPLON IN JUSTICE DEPT. STATING HE COULD TAKE COPLON TO STATE DEPT IF SHE DID NOT RECEIVE RAISE. COPLON ~~HEARD~~ HEARD OF INCIDENT AND PHONED NEMZER, ACTED SHARPLY, AND USED LANGUAGE INDICATING HER DISPLEASURE AT HIS ACTION. NEMZER BELIEVES COPLON HAD FULL ACCESS TO EVERYTHING IN RECORDS DIVISION OF JUSTICE BY PHONING FOR RECORDS OR BY PERSONAL SEARCH IN RECORDS ROOM. NO GUARD AGAINST COPLON EXTRACTING RECORDS AT NIGHT BECAUSE OF LACK OF PERSONNEL IN SECTION MAKING NIGHT WORK A COMMON OCCURRENCE AND RECORDS WERE AVAILABLE AT

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NIGHT TO COPLON. NEMZER EMPHASIZED DURING INTERVIEW FROM TIME TO TIME THAT COPLON WAS VERY EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE BUT THAT HE HAD NO REASON TO BELIEVE SHE WAS CONNECTED WITH CP. NEMZER STATED THAT TO HIS RECOLLECTION HE AT NO TIME HAD FURNISHED ANY INFO OR STATEMENT REGARDING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT. OF JUSTICE OR FBI TO ANY OTHER GOVT. AGENCY OR TO A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY DEPT. OR TO ANY MEMBER OF ANY HOUSE COMMITTEE. NEMZER STATED THAT HE AND ASSOCIATES CONSIDERED THEIR POSITION WITH DEPT. TO BE A VERY SPECIAL ONE AND THAT THEY WERE EXTREMELY CONSCIOUS THAT MATERIAL THEY WORKED WITH WAS VERY CONFIDENTIAL AND THAT NO DISCUSSION TO HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS EVER HAD BY HIM WITH ANYONE CONCERNING ANY SITUATION WITHIN THE DEPT. OR CONCERNING ANY ACTIVITY IN DEPT. BY MEMBERS OF DEPT. OR OF THE FBI. NEMZER STATED THAT ON OCCASIONS WHILE HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH DEPT. HE HAD GONE TO THE RECORDS OF HCUA FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING INFO CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATIONS IN HIS SECTION. HIS VISITS TO HCUA RECORDS WERE NOT FREQUENT AND HIS CONTACT THERE WAS WITH AN INDIVIDUAL NAMED MANDEL WHO HAS RECENTLY BEEN THE AUTHOR OF SOME ARTICLES IN NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES. NEMZER SAYS NO DISCUSSIONS WERE HAD WITH ANY PERSON OF THE UNAMERICAN COMMITTEES OTHER THAN SOME INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE STATE DEPT. KEEP IN THE ~~XXXX~~ U. S. ~~BECAUSE~~ BECAUSE OF SOME ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. NEMZER MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY ONE

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NAME SO REQUESTED AS THAT OF THE AUTHOR OF QUOTE OUT OF THE NIGHT UNQUOTE. NEMZER STATED THAT AT NO TIME HAD HE EVER CONTACTED ANY MEMBER OF HCUA AND THAT HIS ONLY CONTACT WITH MANDEL WHILE REVIEWING RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THAT COMMITTEE. NEMZER STATED THAT HE HAD WORKED WITH FBI AND HAD TESTIFIED AS A WITNESS IN CASE OF WHITE RUSSIAN IN THE CASE OF U. S. VS. VON ZIATSKY. ONE OF THE PARTIES IN THIS CASE WAS NAMED KUNZ. NEMZER WORKED ON THE CASE IN WASHINGTON AND THEN WENT TO HARTFORD, CONN., FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DATE NOT RECALLED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE. NEMZER ALSO WORKED WITH FBI IN CASE OF U. S. VS. KAYFIELD RUSH, WHICH CASE INVOLVED A RUSSIAN ~~PROXX~~ PROPAGANDA DISSEMINATING AGENT. IN CONNECTION WITH DISCLOSURE OF ~~XXXX~~ INFO CONCERNING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT., NEMZER ADVISED THAT DURING THE EARLY DAYS OF WAR THERE WAS A POLISH TRANSLATOR EMPLOYED BY DEPT. NAMED DOMBROWSKY, FIRST NAME UNKNOWN, WHO WAS FINALLY FORCED OUT OF DEPT. BECAUSE OF INEFFICIENCY. DOMBROWSKY ~~XXXX~~ APARENTLY DID LOT OF TALKING AND ~~XXXX~~ MAY HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS ^CONCERNING SITUATION IN DEPT. TO ANYONE, INCLUDING UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. NEMZER ALSO MENTIONED A MRS. LONGLEY, AN ELDERLY WOMAN WHO WAS QUOTE A LETTER WRITER UNQUOTE WHO HAD WRITTEN TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CONCERNING PEOPLE LOAFING IN DEPT. NEMZER SUGGESTED MRS. LONGLEY AND ABOVE MENTIONED DOMBROWSKY AS ONLY TWO PERSONS HE COULD THINK OF AS LIKELY TO HAVE TRANSMITTED INFO CONCERNING ANY SITUATION IN DEPT. TO OUTSIDE SOURCES. NEMZER ADVISED HE WILL CONTINUE TO ~~COGITATE~~ COGITATE ON SITUATION AND ANY FURTHER ~~EXX~~ RECOLLECTION CONCERNING COPLON OR

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SITUATION WITHIN DEPT. WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS OFFICE. NEMZER IS
AVAILABLE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, UNTIL MARCH SEVENTEEN WHEN
PROCEEDING TO WASHINGTON.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE - R. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS CONGRESSMAN NIXON OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES HAS MADE ALLEGATIONS TO THE EFFECT THE FOREIGN AGENTS REGISTRATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WAS FILLED WITH EMPLOYEES WITH PRO-RUSSIAN TENDENCIES IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX AND HAS REFERRED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESIGNED IN NINETEEN FORTYSIX BECAUSE THE DIVISION WAS PRO-RUSSIAN AND PRO-COMMUNIST. A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF THIS OFFICE HAS ADVISED THAT DURING A REDUCTION IN FORCE IN FORTYSIX OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. JESSE MACKNIGHT SUCCEEDED IN RAISING THE EFFICIENCY RATING OF JUDITH COPLON WHICH NECESSITATED THE FIRING OF MR. STEPHEN W. MAMCHUR WHO IS PRESENTLY A HEAD OF THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF WAYNE UNIVERSITY, DETROIT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT MR. MANCHUR BE INTERVIEWED TO DETERMINE DISCREETLY WHAT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES CONCERNING JUDITH COPLON. DURING THIS INTERVIEW IT SHOULD BE ASCERTAINED FROM MAMCHUR IN A DISCREET FASHION WHETHER HE EVER REPORTED ANY INFORMATION, ASSUMING HE POSSESSED SAME, TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OR THE FBI. IF SO, DETAILS SHOULD BE SECURED. THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THIS PORTION OF THE INTERVIEW IS ACTUALLY TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE MADE SUCH A REPORT TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES,

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HOWEVER YOU ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO ASK HIM THIS DIRECT QUESTION. IF HE DID

MAKE A REPORT OF THIS NATURE TO THE HCUA, DETAILS SHOULD BE OBTAINED. THIS SHOULD RECEIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND THE RESULTS FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU PERSONAL ATTENTION MR. D. M. LADD AND TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, WHICH IS

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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OFFICE OF ORIGIN, BY TWELVE NOON TUESDAY, MARCH EIGHT, FORTYNINE. COPLON
APPREHENDED NYC MARCH FOUR FORTYNINE IN COMPANY WITH VALENTIN GUBITCHEV,
EMPLOYEE U. N. DELEGATION AT NYC AND BOTH PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY NYC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 7, 1949

On March 4, 1949, Inspector FLETCHER of the Bureau instructed the writer that a search should be conducted of the room in the Justice Building occupied by COPLON for the purpose of determining what new files had been received by her and also to determine the location of the Memorandum on ATTORG dated March 3, 1949, which had been made available to Mr. [redacted] of the Bureau.

Special Agents COURTLAND J. JONES, EARL L. FUOSS,
and JOE R. CRAIG were detailed to handle this.

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Director, FBI

March 7, 1949

SAC, New York

JUDITH A. COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

There is enclosed herewith for the Washington Field Office, one sheet of ruled paper on which subject COPLON has written in her handwriting an order for breakfast during her temporary detention at this office pending arraignment on March 5, 1949.

It is requested that the Washington Field Office immediately have this enclosure transmitted to the Laboratory in order that it may be compared with specimens of subject's handwriting known by Washington Field Office to be on file in the Laboratory.

The New York Office should be advised immediately of the results of this handwriting comparison.

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cc - Washington Field
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FBI - WASH. FIELD
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<i>Mendenhall</i>

Director, FBI
Attention: SECURITY DIVISION
SAC, New York

March 7, 1949

JUDITH COPLON;
VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV
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Enclosed herewith is one set of fingerprints of JUDITH COPLON and two sets of fingerprints of VALENTINE A. GUBITCHEV, all taken at the New York Office on March 4, 1949, after their arrest.

It is suggested that these fingerprints be used for comparison purposes in the examination of original documents taken from JUDITH COPLON on March 4, 1949 on the occasion of her arrest, which documents have already been forwarded to the Bureau. These are being forwarded directly to the Security Division of the Bureau as the Laboratory reports have not been received as yet and it is believed the Security Division can refer the Laboratory to the appropriate file numbers and documents for its requested examination.

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*assigned
M. J. Marshall*
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SAC, New York

March 7, 1949

Director, FBI

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JUDITH COPLON, was
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Reference is made to the teletype of the New York Office dated February 25, 1949. The personnel file of the Department of Justice on Shirley Gladys Aronow has been reviewed and reflects the following information.

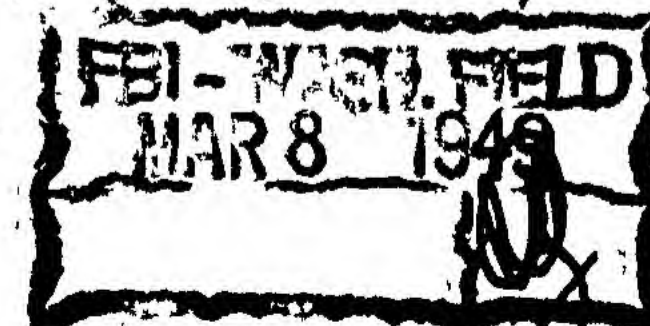
Miss Aronow filed an application on June 10, 1943 giving her legal residence as 866 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone, Schuyler 4-3272. Her application reflects her father's name as David Aronow who was born in Russia and her mother's maiden name as Rae Kamlet who was born in the United States. Shirley Aronow was appointed on June 16, 1943 as an expert in the Anti-Trust Division at New York City. This appointment was effective on June 17, 1943 at which time she took an oath of office. She was actually employed in the Economic Warfare Section at a salary of \$2,000 per annum. An efficiency report dated March 31, 1945 was under a rating by Robert Wohlforth.

Miss Aronow was recommended for a transfer from the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice on June 7, 1945 to employment in the Anti-Trust Division at \$2,600 per annum. The reason for the transfer, according to a communication in the personnel file, was that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section was being closed. The transfer was effective on July 1, 1945. Miss Aronow's position was abolished in a letter to her dated March 14, 1946 because of a reduction in personnel. The date of her termination is given as April 15, 1946.

There is no information in the Bureau's files which can be identified with David Aronow with the possible exception of the reference concerning a David Aronow who was a member of IWO Lodge of December, 1946. There are no references on Dr. Sidney Martin Samis or on Shirley Samis. The only reference on Shirley Gladys Aronow appearing in the Bureau's files is the Departmental applicant investigation.

The personnel file of the Department of Justice relative to Sarah Becker who is a contact of Coplon has been reviewed. This reflects that she was born on April 29, 1911 in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She filed an application on November 5, 1942 in which she listed her father as Abraham Becker, born in Kaunal, Lithuania, and her mother's maiden name as Anna Zak, born in Grenshek, Lithuania. She listed the following relatives in Government service:

cc - Washington Field



Major Samuel Becker, blood brother, Ambassador Hotel,
Chicago, Illinois, Ordnance Explosive and Safety Branch

A. Harry Becker, blood brother, St. Clair Hotel, Chicago,
Illinois, Attorney for the FCC

Robert Charush, cousin, 3859 North Humboldt Avenue, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin, United States Mailman

Sarah Becker attended the University of Wisconsin from September, 1927 to June, 1934, receiving her PhD in 1935. She was appointed as an expert in the Anti-Trust Division, Department of Justice on November 19, 1942 at a salary of \$2400 per annum, payable from the working fund of the Board of Economic Warfare. Her official headquarters at the time of her appointment was given as Chicago but was immediately changed to Washington, D. C. The appointment was effective on January 11, 1943. She was transferred to the Economic Warfare Section in New York City on September 14, 1943. Her efficiency reports as of March 31, 1944 and March 31, 1945 were under a rating by Robert Wohlforth. She was transferred to the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice on June 12, 1945 on the grounds that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section was being closed. This transfer was effective on July 1, 1945. She was separated from work in the Anti-Trust Division on April 15, 1946. At that time her address was 4300 Kansas Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

In connection with the above references to Sarah Becker's two brothers whom she terms as blood brothers, it is to be noted that information appearing in her personnel file reflects that her parents were naturalized in the United States in 1906. There is no indication that either of them is deceased or that she has any step-parents. Information has been received from Departmental officials to the effect that the Economic Warfare Section of the War Division of the Department of Justice went out of existence as of December 28, 1945. However, it is apparent from the personnel files of the two persons referred to above that the New York Office of the Economic Warfare Section closed during June of 1945. This is also substantiated by the information obtained from Mr. William Van Allen of the Anti-Trust Division in New York City who advised that this section in New York City closed as of June 30, 1945.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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At 9:05 A. M. this morning, I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau that Informant [redacted] reflected that at 12:50 A. M., March 8, 1949, SOLDATOV of the New York United Nations, had tried to reach First Secretary TOLOKONNIKOV of the Consular Division of the Embassy. I reminded LAUGHLIN that TOLOKONNIKOV is the individual who was sent by the Embassy to New York on March 5, 1949 to endeavor to effect the release of GUBICHEV. This call was unsuccessful.

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I advised Mr. LAUGHLIN that at 1:00 A. M., TOLOKONNIKOV called SOLDATOV, who said "they called him and said it will be possible at 11:15 A. M." and that SOLDATOV wanted to know whether it would be possible for TOLOKONNIKOV to come to New York, TOLOKONNIKOV stating he would have to consult.

I told Mr. LAUGHLIN that at 1:15 A. M., TOLOKONNIKOV called and said he would come and that at 1:20 A. M., a reservation to New York via American Airlines leaving at 7:10 A. M. was made in the name of NAUMENKO. In this regard, I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that it is routine at the Embassy to make the reservation in the name of an individual different from that of the actual traveler.

I suggested to Mr. LAUGHLIN the possibility that this call had reference to the present incarceration of GUBICHEV.

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FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

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DATE: March 8, 1949

At 9:15 A. M. today, I contacted Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau and requested advice from him as to whether in connection with this case it is necessary for me to secure prior approval of the Bureau before requesting and examining Justice personnel files of fellow and former employees, friends, associates, etc. of JUDITH COPLON who have worked in the Justice Department.

After checking with Mr. LADD, Mr. LAUGHLIN advised me that such approval would not be necessary but stated that Mr. LADD had suggested that these requests be made of Mr. CLYDE PALMER of the Department.

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FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

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On March 8, 1949, Mr. WHITSON of the Bureau called with reference to STEPHEN W. MANCHUR and advised the Bureau has received information this individual is supposed to have furnished a statement during 1946 regarding the FARS of the Justice Department to the HCUA; that also LOUIS RUSSELL of the HCUA is supposed to have given a copy of this information to the WFO, the foregoing information being per PEYTON FORD of the Department. WHITSON requested advice as to whether RUSSELL had done so.

I explained to him that on the previous day I had personally advised Mr. LADD that through information confidentially furnished by RUSSELL during which he had partially identified this individual from his recollection of this event, the WFO had set forth a teletype lead for the Detroit Division to interview discreetly MANCHUR who is now teaching at Wayne University in Detroit, Michigan, and told him that a response to this was expected in the Bureau at 12:00 noon today. I asked him if he had any objection to a discreet contact by this office with RUSSELL for the purpose of ascertaining whether he recalled having sent a copy of this information to the WFO and he replied there was no objection to this provided the inquiry was not made in too pointed a fashion.

Immediately after this, RUSSELL contacted SA RAPHAEL I. NIXON and advised him that through a review of HCUA files he had definitely determined that STEPHEN MANCHUR was the individual who furnished information in September, 1946 to HCUA regarding the situation in FARS. I advised WHITSON that RUSSELL had informed NIXON that shortly prior to September 20, 1946, he had taken a letter to LAMAR CAUDLE, Assistant Attorney General, which requested that the Department make available for review by an HCUA investigator, Departmental files pertaining to a substantial list of organizations and individuals concerning whom information had been furnished HCUA by MANCHUR. In this regard, RUSSELL stated that CAUDLE referred him to NATHAN ELIFF, who RUSSELL stated, was one of the individuals mentioned in the letter and on whom information of a derogatory nature had been furnished by MANCHUR. RUSSELL had advised that ELIFF at that time was not cooperative.

I advised WHITSON that RUSSELL stated that under date of September 20, 1946, over the signature of JOHN CARRINGTON, Clerk of the HCUA, he had written a letter to Attorney General CLARK stating that the Committee had previously asked for the files mentioned in the former letter and that the HCUA representative had been placed in contact with ELIFF who had advised he would tell CLARK concerning this matter upon the latter's return from Europe. RUSSELL advised NIXON that this letter

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called for a response from the Department and that HCUA presently has in possession a copy of the September 20, 1946 communication but to date has been unable to locate in its files the copy of the communication preceding this one. RUSSELL suggested to NIXON that as he recalls it, he left the letter of September 20, 1946 with ELIFF and feels that possibly ELIFF destroyed this communication since it involved him.

I further advised WHITSON that RUSSELL had stated that prior to September 20, 1946, HCUA had questioned MANCHUR, apparently in Executive Session, and thereafter had issued a report. I asked him if he desired that we endeavor to secure a copy of this report and he stated that this should not be done in the absence of a request from the Bureau. I also advised WHITSON that a check of the WFO records reflected that RUSSELL had not made available a copy of this information.

I also told Mr. WHITSON that RUSSELL had ascertained that Congressman WOOD is this afternoon to furnish a press release regarding the 1946 situation which will state the Committee received information regarding pro-Russian persons employed in FARS; that COPLON was mentioned by the informant of HCUA who was a then former fellow employee; and would point out that there is no-one to blame for the present situation but would emphasize the need for a greater degree of cooperation between the Department and HCUA.

I also advised that RUSSELL stated that a newspaper man whose name is unknown to him knows that the 1946 informant of HCUA is presently employed at Wayne University at Detroit but does not know the name of this individual.

Mr. WHITSON advised the writer that Detroit is presently interviewing MANCHUR and thus far has ascertained that he is definitely the individual who informed HCUA.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : ROBERT W. McCASLIN, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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This is to advise that Mr. R. C. GODFREY of the Bureau telephonically inquired at 8:30 P.M. on March 6, 1949 about the identity of the Bureau of National Affairs, wherein he had a WFO letter indicating that Miss DORA SANDERS was employed. In this connection, he mentioned that because of the Bureau's uncertainty about the identity of this organization, the Bureau would be unable to grant permission to the Field at that time to interview Miss DORA SANDERS.

He said that the Bureau was awaiting State Department clearance before authorizing the Field to interview SONIA COHEN, with United Nations.

At 9:10 P.M., this office informed Mr. GODFREY that the Field would await clearance on the above two persons from the Bureau the following day. At that time Mr. GODFREY was also apprised of the information furnished previously by the New York Office, namely, that the House of Detention in New York City had refused several requests on the part of individuals to interview JUDITH COPLON.

This information, it might be noted, was furnished by SA JAMES ADAMS of the New York Office at 8:45 P.M.

The above is submitted for the information of the file.

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AFTER NEMZERS MANIPULATION TO KEEP COPLON IN THE FAR SECTION HE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE WOULD TAKE OVER THE WORK IN THE SLAV FIELD WHICH DR. MAMZUR HAD BEEN HANDLING. DR. MAMZUR ARRIVED AT THE CONCLUSION THAT THE CLIQUE MENTIONED WAS PRO SOVIET BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING.

NEMZER, KNOWN TO THE INFORMANT FROM SOME TIME IN FORTYTWO, CONSISTENTLY REFERRED TO THE HCUA AS A FASCIST GROUP, STATED

THAT DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER WAS A FASCIST AND THAT THE FBI WAS ONLY AFTER COMMUNISTS AND ANTI SOVIETS AND QUOTE SAW THINGS UNQUOTE. ~~NEMZER~~ ^{NEMZER} ALSO REFERRED TO ANYONE ANTI SOVIET AS FASCISTS AND CONTINUOUSLY CHARGED RED BAITING TO ANY STAND TAKEN BY PERSONS CRITICIZING COMMUNISTS OR PRO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES. INFORMANT STATES THAT NATHAN ELLIFF ALSO CHARGED RED BAITING TO ANTI COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE WITH THE HCUA. BOTH HE AND NEMZER WERE HEARD TO TERM HCUA MEMBERS QUOTE THOSE S. O. B. S UNQUOTE. INFORMANT RECALLED OVERHEARING NEMZER TALKING TO DAVID KARR, ALIAS KATZ, WHOSE CONNECTION AT THAT TIME WAS NOT KNOWN TO THE INFORMANT, RE A CHARGE OF BEING A NAZI AGENT MADE BY ALBERT KAHN, JR., EDITOR OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE, AGAINST NICHOLAS GRIGORIEFF, A FORMER ~~PROFESSOR~~ PROFESSOR AT THE UKRAINIAN UNIVERSITY, PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THIS CHARGE RESULTED IN A LIBEL SUIT AGAINST KAHN AND WAS MADE IN SOME ISSUE OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE. INFORMANT OVERHEARD NEMZER TELL KARR THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE KNEW OF NO JUSTIFICATION FOR THE CHARGE MADE AGAINST GRIGORIEFF. SHORTLY THEREAFTER INFORMANT BELIEVES KAHN MADE A TRIP

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TO WASHINGTON FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE LIBEL SUIT WITH KARR, THE RESULT OF SUCH DISCUSSION BEING A SETTLEMENT OF THE SUIT OUT OF COURT. NEMZER ALWAYS RECOMMENDED QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE TO THE ANALYSTS IN THE FAR SECTION AS BEING A GOOD SOURCE OF INFO AND RECOMMENDED THE QUOTE NEWS LETTER UNQUOTE OF THE ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE, BELIEVING THAT THE CHARGES OF PRO NAZISM THEREIN WERE GOOD BASES FOR INVESTIGATION. INFORMANT STATES NEMZER ACQUAINTED WITH ALBERT PERRY, FIRST EDITOR OF QUOTE THE HOUR UNQUOTE, AND KNEW PERRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, WHERE BOTH NEMZER AND PERRY ATTENDED. NEMZER INTRODUCED PERRY TO INFORMANT IN LATE FORTYTWO OR EARLY FORTYTHREE. NEMZER ALSO ACQUAINTED WITH ONE GOLD, BELIEVED BY THE INFORMANT TO BE POSSIBLY BEN GOLD, WHO WAS WITH THE FOREIGN NATIONALITY SECTION OF OSS, AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME. INFORMANT HAD NO INFO AS TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OR CONNECTIONS ON PART OF GOLD. INFORMANT ALSO STATED THAT ALBERT KAHN, JR., HAD ARNOLD MARGOLAN FIRED FROM OSS ON A TRUMPED UP CHARGE OF BEING A FASCIST. INFORMANT COULD NOT CONNECT THIS WITH NEMZER EXCEPT THAT MARGOLANS DAUGHTER, A . MRS. HANSEN, WORKED ~~UNDER NEMZER WITH FAR EAST SECTION IN~~ FORTYTWO AND AT ONE TIME TOLD INFORMANT HE WAS A QUOTE TERRIBLE UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST UNQUOTE. INFORMANT STATES INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL OF THE HCUA IN MARCH OR APRIL OF FORTYSIX CAME TO THE FAR SECTION FOR INFO ON ONE ANTHONY BIMBA. RUSSELL WAS REFERRED TO NEMZER OR DAVID BOOKSTAVAR, AS A RESULT OF WHICH RUSSELL WAS NOT GIVEN ANY INFO AND WORD CAME DOWN THROUGH NEMZER THAT THEY WERE

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NOT TO BOTHER WITH HCUA REQUESTS FOR INFO. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT ELLIFF WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS. INFORMANT STATED THAT NEMZER HAD RECOMMENDED THE REGISTRATION OF THE CP OF INDIA AS FOREIGN AGENTS ON ONE OCCASION. INFORMANT FELT THAT THIS MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN A COVER UP. INFORMANT RECALLS THAT DAVID BOOKSTAVER WAS CONTACTED IN LATE FORTYFIVE OR EARLY FORTYSIX BY SEVERAL AGENTS OF THE PRO SOVIET POLISH GOVERNEMENT, WHO WERE INQUIRING OVER THE PHONE AS TO THE NECESSITY FOR REGISTERING UNDER THE RA. BOOKSTAVER INTIMATED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ASK HIM IF THEY HAD TO REGISTER, INDICATING THEREBY THAT IF THEY DID HE WOULD HAVE TO SAY YES. HE TOLD THE AGENTS TO QUOTE FORGET IT UNQUOTE AND NOBODY WOULD BOTHER THEM IF THEY DID NOT REGISTER. INFORMANT STATES BOOKSTAVER KEPT NO MINUTES AT CONFERENCES HELD WITH POSSIBLE REGISTRANTS UNDER THE RA WHICH WAS AGAINST THE FAR SECTION POLICY. A POLITICAL ANALYST WAS NOT AT SOME OF THESE CONFERENCES HELD BY BOOKSTAVER WHICH ALSO WAS AGAINST THE POLICY. INFORMANT DURING HIS WORK IN THE FAR SECTION NOTICED THAT HE WAS NOT GETTING CERTAIN FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE HE BELIEVED WERE IN EXISTENCE FROM A MRS. THOMAS, IN CHARGE OF DOCUMENTS OF THE SECTION. HE LEARNED THAT BOOKSTAVER HAD TOLD HER TO SEND THE CORRESPONDENCE AND FILES TO HIM INSTEAD OF TO THE INFORMANT. INFORMANT IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT BOOKSTAVER MAY HAVE DISPOSED OF SOME CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE RA. INFORMANT RECALLS NOTHING SPECIFIC AS TO THE PRO SOVIET ATTITUDE OF NATHAN ELLIFF EXCEPT HIS CLOSE AND

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PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH NEMZER, WHO WAS HIS ASSISTANT. ELLIFF OFTEN BELITTLED THE INFORMANTS EFFORTS TO MORE RIGIDLY ENFORCE THE RA AND DEFINITELY DID NOT WANT THE ACT ENFORCED. ELLIFF WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF NEMZER IN AND OUT OF THE OFFICE. INFORMANT BELIEVES NEMZER HAD MUCH INFLUENCE WITH ELLIFF. INFORMANT TERMS BERNARD MORRIS QUOTE SLAVE UNQUOTE OF NEMZER AND KNEW THEM TO BE GOOD FRIENDS. HE RECALLS NOTHING SPECIFIC BUT DOES KNOW THAT MORRIS HAD MADE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME GENERAL REMARKS AGAINST THE HCUA. MORRIS REMARKS INDICATED TO THE INFORMANT THAT HE WAS A QUOTE LEFTIST UNQUOTE. INFORMANT DID NOT CONSIDER LEON SEGAL AS PRO SOVIET BUT CONNECTED HIM WITH THE GROUP ONLY BECAUSE NEMZER WAS FAVORABLE TOWARD SEGAL AND SEEMS TO HAVE PROTECTED HIM. INFORMANT ALSO ASSERTED THAT NEMZER HAD FORMED A LUNCHEON GROUP COMPOSED OF PERSONS WORKING IN THE EAST EUROPEAN FIELD IN ALL THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, THAT IS, JUSTICE, FEA, G TWO, ONI AND OSS. INFORMANT DOES NOT RECALL THAT NEMZER EVER ANNOUNCED A SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR THESE LUNCHEONS. THE INFORMANT ADVISES THAT HE HAS NEVER REPORTED THE ABOVE INFO TO THE FBI, HE RECALLS THAT TWO FBI AGENTS MADE A SURVEY OF THE DEPARTMENT IN FORTYFIVE, IT WAS HIS DESIRE TO TELL ^{them} ~~them~~ OF HIS SUSPICIONS REGARDING EMPLOYEES OF THE FAR SECTION BUT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE HE HAD THE OPORTUNITY TO DO SO. INFORMANT DOES RECALL HAVING DISCUSSED INDIVIDUAL ^{REGISTRATION} CASES WITH UNIDENTIFIED OFFICIALS OF THE FBI BUT DID NOT MENTION HIS SUSPICIONS BECAUSE HE WAS AFRAID IT WOULD GET BACK TO NATHAN ELLIFF OR NEMZER. HE HAS NEVER

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REPORTED ALL OF THIS INFO TO ANYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ITSELF, ALTHOUGH HE TALKED IN A GENERAL WAY OF IT URGING MORE RIGID ENFORCEMENT OF THE RA TO LARRY KNAPP, ELLIFFS PREDECESSOR AS CHIEF OF THE FAR SECTION, TO ONE MC CAULEY, AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO JAMES MC INERNEY, FORMER CHIEF OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION AND LATER ASSISTANT TO THE AG.

~~INFORMANT~~ DOES NOT BELIEVE HE MENTIONED ANY NAMES

BECAUSE OF HIS FEAR THAT HE WOULD BE ACCUSED OF TRYING TO RETAIN HIS POSITION. KNAPP INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED AND WOULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BUT LEFT IN NOVEMBER, FORTYFIVE, TO GO WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND IT WAS THEN OUT OF HIS JURISDICTION. MCCAULEY SUGGESTED THAT HE SEE MC INERNEY. MC INERNEY, WHEN THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN FORTYSIX, GAVE THE INFORMANT NO SPECIFIC ENCOURAGEMENT. AFTER RESIGNING, INFORMANT WENT TO THE HCUA IN AUGUST, FORTYSIX, FOR INFO TO ASSIST IN A BOOK INFORMANT PLANNED TO WRITE. HE, WHILE THERE, DISCUSSED WITH INVESTIGATOR RUSSELL HIS SUSPICIONS OF A PRO SOVIET CLIQUE IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGISTRATION ACT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS SET OUT ABOVE. HE DOES NOT RECALL THAT RUSSELL SHOWED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AND STATES THAT HE HAS NEVER BEEN CALLED TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE HCUA. INFORMANT DOES NOT RECALL IF HE MENTIONED JUDITH COPLONS NAME SPECIFICALLY TO RUSSELL. INFORMANT GAVE INTERVIEWING AGENTS THE NAMES OF TWO PERSONS WHO WERE DISCHARGED FROM THE FAR SECTION IN THE REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL IN EARLY FORTYSIX AND WHO

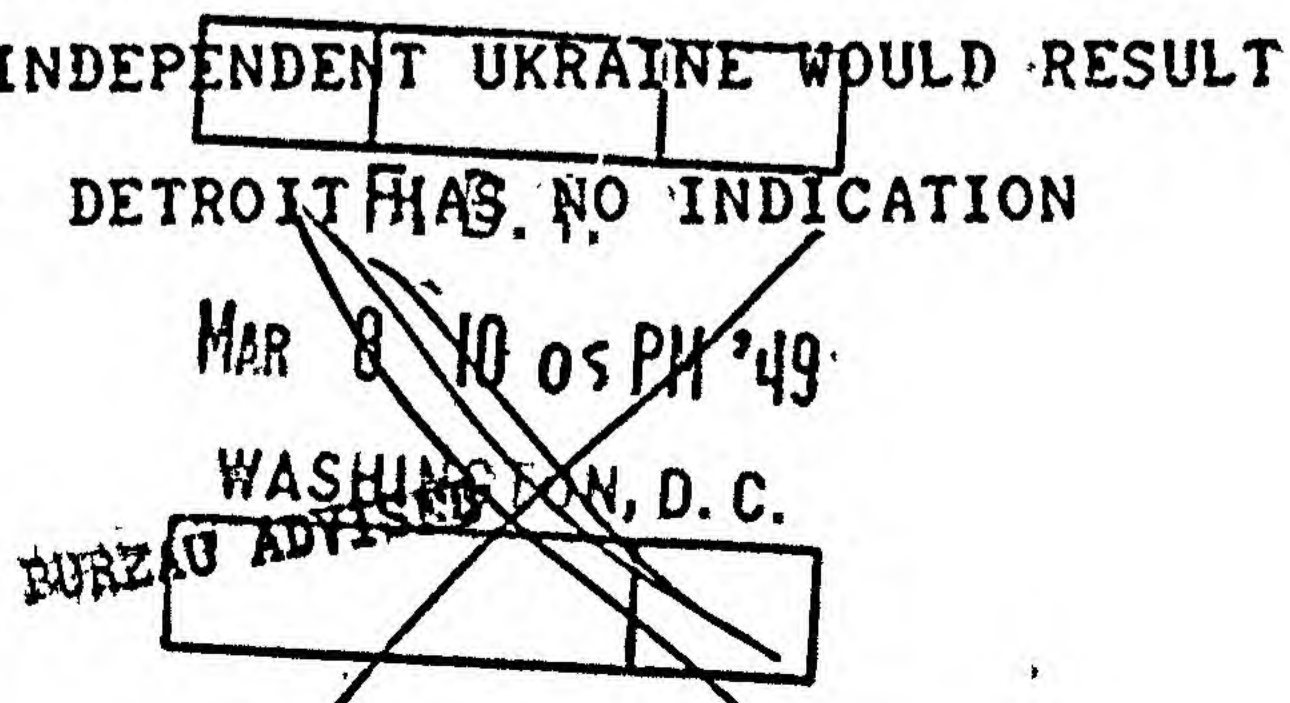
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SHARED HIS OPINIONS AS TO THE PRO SOVIET CLIQUE THEREIN. THESE ARE MISS FRANCES BUTLER AND MISS AVANZINO. HE DOES NOT KNOW WHERE THEY ARE NOW EMPLOYED. ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES IN THE FAR SECTION HATED JUDITH COPLON AND HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH HER BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW THE REASON FOR THIS HATRED. INFORMANT BELIEVES THAT JESSE MCKNIGHT, WHO WAS NEMZERS PREDECESSOR AS TOP POLITICAL ANALYST WAS NOT PRO COMMUNIST OR PRO SOVIET BUT DID GIVE NEMZER, WHO WAS WORKING UNDER HIM AT THE TIME, THE QUOTE RUN OF THE DEPARTMENT UNQUOTE. INFORMANT WAS NOT ASKED DIRECTLY IF HE HAD EVER MADE A REPORT TO THE HCUA. HE PROFFERED THE INFO, COMMENTING THAT HE HAD SEEN AN ARTICLE IN THE PAPER RE A SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR WHO HAD GIVEN INFO TO THE HCUA AND HAD CONCLUDED THEREFROM THAT HE WAS THE PERSON INVOLVED. THE INFORMANT REQUESTED THAT THE INFO FURNISHED HEREIN NOT BE GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IF NATHAN ELLIFF AND OR LOUIS NEMZER COULD COME INTO POSSESSION OF IT. DETROIT INDICES REFLECT THAT THE DIRECTORY OF UKRAINIAN PROFESSIONAL ASSN PUBLISHED NINETEEN THIRTYNINE INCLUDED NAME OF INFORMANT AS MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION. UPA FOUNDED SUMMER NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE CHICAGO NOT INCORPORATED. PURPOSE TO HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS OF UKRAINIAN PEOPLE AND WORK TOWARD THEIR INDEPENDENCE IN UKRAINIA. DISCLAIMED ANY FOREIGN CONNECTIONS. IN NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT SOME MEMBERS UPA ADVOCATED SUPPORT OF HITLER BELIEVING INDEPENDENT UKRAINE WOULD RESULT AND THEY WOULD BE SAVED FROM COMMUNISM. DETROIT HAS NO INDICATION ACTIVITY SINCE FORTYONE.

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TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM : THOMAS J. BARRY, SA, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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DATE: MARCH 8, 1949

Washington daily newspapers for March 5, 6 and 7, 1949 were obtained by the writer. All articles were reviewed and clippings were made of them.

The following information obtained from these articles is being submitted as possible leads, which may not have been covered up to this time:

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ELIZABETH FINLEY, a secretarial worker who lived in a nearby apartment in the 2600 block of Tunlaw Road, advised newspaper reporters that subject would work until the early morning hours on her typewriter and would leave for work in the morning with great wads of newspapers under her arm and also that on Sundays the subject used to go bicycling with a young dark-haired man.

*Interviewed
Hudley*
Mr. and Mrs. ROGER GARLOCK, present address 6212 Green Tree Road, Bethesda, Maryland, said they used to live next door to Miss COPLON at 2634 Tunlaw Road, N.W. They said Miss COPLON told them she was working on "some kind of thesis" for her courses at school, which necessitated her typing. They also said Miss COPLON went to Europe for approximately two months, starting about March 1948 and that while she was gone, she had stored her furniture under their name. When she returned, they said a dark-haired young man helped her move her things to McLean Gardens. Both recalled Miss COPLON took frequent weekend trips to New York, where she told them she visited her parents.

Interviewed
Manager CHARLES ALLISON of McLean Gardens told newspaper reports that Miss COPLON moved into her apartment room, 135 at Jefferson Hall on July 23, 1948. Her application there, showed she listed herself as a "Political Analyst", naming WILLIAM FOLEY as her Justice Department superior. As references in this application, she listed the City Bank and BERNARD S. MORRIS.

The Times Herald for Sunday, March 6, said it was a consensus among American University professors that subject was a brilliant student of Soviet Economic Planning and an expert Russian linguist. The only professor named in this article was Graduate Dean PITMAN POTTER, who said that the subject was "obviously uncertain about underlying assumptions." He explained this to the reporters as a wavering disposition as to what beliefs to follow.

Another teacher at the American University, not named 1949

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said that as far as he knew the only thing which could indicate that the subject might conspire to give away U. S. secrets was her avid interest in the Soviet Union. Another professor said that a paper submitted by Miss COPLON in the course on "Economic Planning in the Soviet Union" is considered one of the best ever presented by an American University Graduate student.

*Interviewed
N.W.* Mrs. JOHN E. FULLER, Resident Manager, 2634 Tinlaw Road, N.W., said that she told newspaper reports that once or twice tenants at that address complained to her Miss COPLON disturbed them with her typewriter in the early morning hours.

An article in the Washington Post dated March 6, 1949 stated that the applicant had attended American University from September 1945 to January 1948 and had enrolled at the George Washington University Law School in February 1948 but quit within one month. Also that Miss COPLON had a slender, tall and dark boy friend. This article was written by JAMES F. DONOVAN, United Press Staff writer, who said he covered the Justice Department, and described the subject as a "gossipy little thing." He said she always seemed ready to exchange pleasantries and small talk with other girls in the department's internal security section, but was also known as a hard worker and sometimes was still on the job when the other workers had quit for the day. He said, unlike most women employees of the security-conscious Justice Department, she gave her opinion freely of many of the Justice Department officials, and that she had a great respect for the FBI.

In an article in the Washington Post dated March 6, 1949 with a New York date line, it was reflected that Dean MILLICENT C. McINTOSH of Barnard College, Columbia University, released a two-page statement describing COPLON as being highly intelligent, talented, and with a pleasing personality. Miss McINTOSH quoted from two letters of recommendation sent to Barnard when COPLON sought part-time employment there in Research or Writing. One letter was from LAURENCE A. KNAPP, Chief of Foreign Agents, Registration of the Department of Justice and the second was from JESSE M. MacKNIGHT.

In an article in the Washington Post dated March 6, 1949, it was stated that Representative NIXON, a member of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, demanded a full scale investigation to determine whether the Justice Department is qualified to protect this country "against Communist infiltration." It was learned, according to this article, that Miss COPLON'S name figured in a confidential report to Chairman JOHN WOOD of the House Committee on Un-American activities on September 3, 1946.

The report carried highly critical statements by an informant about the Foreign Agents Registration Section. The informant is shown to be a Social Science professor in the Midwestern University. The article stated that this informant specifically criticize COPLON but said there was a definite pro-Soviet attitude in the Registration Section. He was alleged to have said that the section condemned anything that was anti-Soviet and at the same time that which was pro-Russian was considered satisfactory. He was also alleged to have said that reports on pro-Soviet foreign agents often failed to reach the desk of responsible government officials and prosecutions for failure of these agents to register were rarely pressed. NIXON admitted there was such a report in the Committee files, according to the article, and said it indicated a "shocking inexcusable laxity on the part of the Justice Department in screening its own employees for loyalty." He said that the above report showed the section to be responsible for keeping four Communists fronts from registering under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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ENCLOSURES:

Director, FBI

March 7, 1949

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JUDITH COPLON
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It is requested that approval be given to interviewing the following named individuals:

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CHARLES ROTHSTEIN, Department of Justice
JONATHAN THURSZ, State Department
MARY C. LOMB, State Department
Mrs. ELIZABETH G. JACKSON, State Department
FRANCOISE G. QUENEAU, State Department
JAMES E. BOWERS, State Department
MARY BOBROVICH, formerly State Department
(possibly 74-04 Woodside Ave., Queens, N. Y.)
ELIZABETH DEEBLE, State Department
CARMEL EBB, Atomic Energy Commission
CHARLES BURKE ELBRICK, State Department. (National War College)

VIRGINIA JAMES, State Department
CHARLES R. GELLNER, Library of Congress
SHEILA McCULLOCH, State Department
Dr. PITTMAN POTTER, Dean, American University
BEULAH W. PURSLEY, formerly State Department (possibly Caracas, Venezuela, where husband is Commercial Attache) b3

MILTON C. REWINKEL, State Department
HELEN L. SHEINCORN, Department of Justice
EMIL SCHNELLBACHER, Department of Commerce
RICHARD W. TINS, State Department
GERTRUDE M. SLINDEE, State Department

EMMA BROOKS, 694 4th Street, N. W.
JOHN E. FULLER, JR., 2628 Tunlaw Road, N. W. *Bushby*
MARIE HIGDON, 3805 Benton Street, N. W.
ALTON and LENORA G. MEISTER, Grubb Road, Silver Springs, Md.
MARY McGUGIN, OR 0787
MARGARET L. SHICK, Department of Justice
Dr. JULIUS FOGEL, 1726 M Street, N. W.

LOUISE RABBIT, Department of Justice
EDITH KERRARA, War Department

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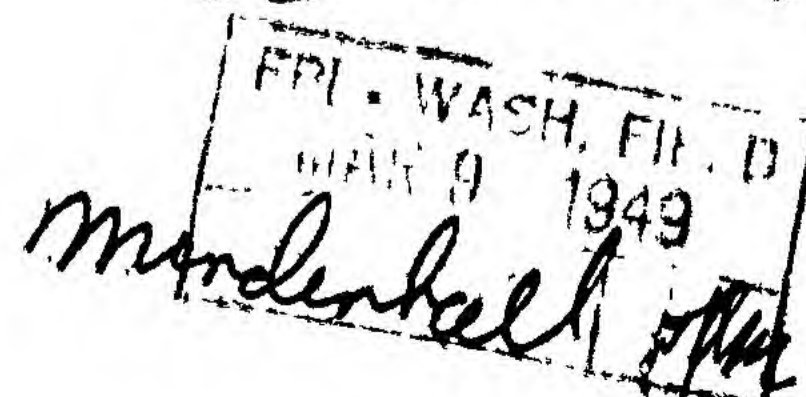
JUDITH COPLON; ESPIONAGE R. NAME PHILIP G. PAVIA FIFTYTHREE WEST EIGHT STREET, NYC, CONTAINED IN SUBJECT'S ADDRESS BOOK. INVESTIGATION REFLECTS PAVIA REPORTEDLY VISITED ITALY ABOUT OCTOBER FORTYEIGHT, RETURNING ABOUT DECEMBER FORTYEIGHT. CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF PAVIA UNKNOWN. REVIEW RECORDS OF STATE DEPT AND INS AND DEVELOP ALL INFORMATION RE PAVIA. PAVIA DESCRIBED AS: AGE ABOUT FORTY; FIVE FEET EIGHT OR NINE INCHES TALL; HEAVY SET AND MUSCULAR; HAIR BLACK, BUSHY, GREYING AT TEMPLES; COMPLEXION OLIVE; NATIONALITY BELIEVED TO BE ITALIAN; OCCUPATION SCULPTOR; BUSINESS ADDRESS AS OF FORTY, ONE NAUGHT ONE PARK AVENUE, NYC; RESIDENCE AS OF FORTYFOUR, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THREE FORTYSEVEN EAST EIGHTEENTH STREET, NYC. SUTEL RESULTS.

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Director, FBI

Attn: FBI Laboratory

March 9, 1949

GUY NOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Re FBI Laboratory report dated March 4, 1949, identifying Documents Q-25 through Q-33, as having been typed on Royal Typewriter, Serial KRM-2585483, located in room 2216, Department of Justice Building. It is observed that these documents are carbon copies.

An examination of a wooden box located on the west side of room 2220, which room is the office of subject, reflects that in the rear of this box in a section of unfiled material, the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33 were located.

It has been learned that subject as a political analyst reviewed Bureau reports which might have a bearing on Foreign Agents Registration Act matters. If she felt the information appearing in the reports would be of some possible future use to the FARS, she underlined sentences in the synopsis and details she desired written up on a "data slip". In the upper left hand corner of the data slips, there usually appeared the name of the file or subject matter with which the Bureau report concerned itself. In the upper right hand corner of the data slips, there usually appears the names of individuals or organizations which are mentioned in the summary of information appearing on the data slips.

For an illustration, the Bureau's attention is directed to Q-25. In the upper left hand corner there is written, "Napoli". In the upper right hand corner there is written, "Communist Party Secretary of Peru" and "Artkind". This means that the stenographer in the FARS, Miss ETNA TAYLOR, typed an original and two carbons, making a sum total of three. If the upper right hand corner contained four names or subject matters, there would have been a sum total of five made. The original of Q-25 and only one carbon were located. It is assumed that subject had the second copy in her possession when arrested. AV

There are being transmitted herewith the originals of Q-25 through Q-29 and Q-33, as well as the carbon copies located with the original. It is observed that in each instance one carbon is missing.

There are also being enclosed the original data slips and carbons of Q-31 and Q-32, which were located in an unfiled portion of a paper file box which was on a file cabinet on the south side of room 2220. It is observed that one carbon is also missing from both Q-31 and Q-32.

Q-30, which is also a carbon, reflects that the name H. NICHOLAS CANAFIL in the upper right hand corner of the data slip has a line underscored beneath it.

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Director, FBI
Re: JUDITH COPLON
March 9, 1949

It is also observed that it bears the initials "BSM" as the identity of the analyst. BERNARD S. MORRIS is a former analyst for the FARS. Q-30 bears the caption, "General NICOLAE RADESCU" in the upper left hand corner. In the upper right hand corner, there appears, "NICOLAE MALAXA", "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL", and "M. BARBU NICULESCU".

In a file cabinet marked "Miscellaneous" located on the north side of room 2220, there is a section devoted to Rumanians. Under this section, there is a name tab entitled, "General NICOLAE RADESCU". The original of Q-30 was filed behind this name tab. There is a tab bearing the caption, "NICOLAE MALAXA" and behind it there is a carbon of Q-30. There is also a name tab for "M. BARBU NICULESCU" and located behind this name tab is a carbon of Q-30. There is no name tab for "M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL", nor is there a carbon or original of Q-30 in the Rumanian file. It is presumed that subject removed the carbon for M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL and that it is the carbon found in subject's possession when she was arrested. The original of Q-30 is enclosed.

All of the above mentioned documents being submitted to the FBI Laboratory have been initialed by Special Agent COURTLAND J. JONES, who located them and also bear the initials of Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY, head of the FARS and Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a typewriting comparison of the originals of Q-25 through Q-33 with the carbons taken from the person of subject when she was arrested on March 4, 1949, at New York City. Upon the completion of the examination, the original and carbons transmitted herewith should be returned to the Washington Field Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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Washington Field Office, Room 1706
Washington 25, D. C.
March 9, 1949

Mr. E. F. Bartelt
Fiscal Assistant Secretary
U. S. Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that information concerning all deposits and withdrawals of the Bond Safe Keeping Account of Miss Judith Coplon be made available to Special Agent Ralph F. Winte of this office. It is desired that the dates and the amounts of the deposits and withdrawals be shown. It is further necessary to this investigation that the issue date, the amount and number of the bonds deposited and withdrawn by Judith Coplon be made available.

It is further necessary to this investigation to determine the total amount of bonds purchased by Judith Coplon, together with the issue date and the amount. If this information is available through your office, the receipt of same would be appreciated.

It would be appreciated if the above request would be expedited due to the urgency of prosecution presently being conducted in the U. S. Court.

Very truly yours,

orig. delivered by Winte
Guy Hottel
Special Agent in Charge

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Director, FBI

March 9, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

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Re my request dated March 6, 1949, for a
Technical surveillance on the residence of HAROLD P. SHAPIRO,
1906 - R Street, N. W., telephone HUDSON-9499. Verbal
authority was given by the Bureau for the installation of
this surveillance on Tuesday, March 8, 1949.

This is to advise you that this installation
was made at approximately 5:00 P. M. on March 8, 1949.
Symbol number C-600 has been assigned to this surveillance.
This installation will be handled by the

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 9, 1949

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WFO

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In accordance with Bureau instructions photostatic copies of the original logs showing arrival and departure of individuals at the Department of Justice Building, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.; Hutchins Building, 10th and E Streets, N.W. and Tempo X Building, 19th and East Capitol Streets are enclosed with this letter.

These logs cover the period from late Friday night, March 4, 1949 to approximately 8:00 a.m. Monday, March 7, 1949.

It is noted at the top of each log the time, whether A.M. or P.M., is indicated.

The logs are self explanatory, that is whether the log is for automobile admission.

It is further noted no automobile registers are available at Hutchins and Tempo X Buildings.

All of the above logs were obtained for this office by Mr. EVERETT HALL, Chief, Detective Unit, Public Buildings Administration, who is a contact of this office.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE DASH R. MRS. NANCY W. GALLAGHER, HALL
MANAGER, MIDNIGHT SHIFT, JEFFERSON HALL, MCLEAN GARDENS, WHICH IS
RESIDENCE OF SUBJECT, PRESENTLY RECUPERATING FROM ILLNESS AT RESIDENCE
HER SISTER, ONE NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT W. FRANKLIN ST., RICHMOND, APT.
THIRTYSIX. INTERVIEW IMMEDIATELY RE ANY INFO CONCERNING ACTIVITIES
AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESPIONAGE, R. REWFOTEL MARCH EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY NINE. SIDNEY BERMAN ADVISED HE FIRST MET SUBJECT JAN. OR FEB. NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THROUGH GAIL RAYWID, CLASSMATE OF SUBJECT, BARNARD COLLEGE. BERMAN GOT PHIL ELMAN, SOLICITOR GENERALS OFFICE AS BLIND DATE FOR COPLON AT RAYWID-S REQUEST AND ATTENDED TRUDY SHUTE /PH/ BALLET, CONSTITUTION HALL. NEXT SAW SUBJECT AT CHICKEN HUT, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN EARLY SUMMER NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND STARTED DATING HER. HAD A NUMBER OF DATES AT BEACH DURING JULY AND AUGUST. RECALLS THAT SUBJECT HAD THEN RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIP TO ITALY. BERMAN THEN HAD DISAGREEMENT WITH SUBJECT AND DID NOT AGAIN SEE HER UNTIL ABOUT EARLY DEC. NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT. BERMAN STATED HE LEFT WASHINGTON, D.C. DEC. EIGHTEEN NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AND TELEPHONED COPLON TO SAY GOODBYE. THEY SETTLED THEIR DIFFERENCES AND BERMAN INVITED HER TO ONE OF FAREWELL PARTIES GIVEN HIM. HE ASKED HER TO TELEPHONE HIM WHEN SHE CAME TO NYC. SHE CALLED HIM AT CHRISTMAS AND THEY ATTENDED A BALLET AT NYC CENTER. THEY MADE A DATE FOR JAN. FIFTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYNINE. ON THAT DATE BERMAN TOOK HER TO DINNER AT TOWN HOUSE SOMEWHERE ON LONG ISLAND.

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THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FRIEND FRED BLANK AND A GIRLFRIEND. BELIEVES SUBJECT RETURNED FOLLOWING WEEK AND HE TALKED TO HER ON TELEPHONE AND ASKED HER TO TELL HIS FRIEND JOSEPH STONE TO BRING HIM A BOTTLE OF SCOTCH ON HIS NEXT TRIP FROM WASHINGTON AS HE HAD HAD A HALF CASE OF WHISKEY STOLEN FROM HIS AUTO. STONE HAS MET COPLON ON ONE OCCASION IN JULY NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT AT A BEACH PARTY. WAS TO HAVE ANOTHER DATE WITH SUBJECT WEEK OR TWO BEFORE WASHINGTON-S BIRTHDAY BUT SHE CANCELLED IT. THIS WAS LAST CONTACT WITH SUBJECT. BERMAN STATES COPLON WAS ENJOYABLE COMPANION. SHE NEVER DISCUSSED OR EXPRESSED ANY INTEREST IN POLITICS, IDEOLOGIES, WORLD AFFAIRS, OR THE LIKE. BERMAN UNDERSTOOD HER TO BE IN REGISTRATION DIVISION OF JUSTICE DEPT., BUT THOUGHT PERTAINED TO REGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS. SHE NEVER DISCUSSED HER WORK. DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PARTICULAR FRIENDS OTHER THAN GAIL RAYWID, APPRENTICE TRAINING SECTION OF LABOR DEPARTMENT AND PAULINE SLAVIN, WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED. SUBJECT INDICATED TO BERMAN THAT SHE HAD A STEADY BOY-FRIEND IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY HIM. BERMAN, DURING INTERVIEW, SAID HE HAD CONSIDERED MARRYING SUBJECT IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT. BERMAN STATES UNABLE TO COMPREHEND OR ACCOUNT FOR SUBJECT-S REPORTED ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AS SHE SEEMED DISINTERESTED IN POLITICS AND BEING HIGHLY EMOTIONAL, DID NOT IMPRESS HIM AS SUITABLE FOR SUCH WORK.

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JUDITH COPLON, ESP. R. SOVME. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MARCH FIFTH
LAST. PAULINE SLAVIN INTERVIEWED AT FIELD OFFICE THIS MORNING.
STATED THAT SHE MET COPLON ONE AND ONE-HALF TO TWO YEARS AGO AND HAS
SEEN HER ONLY EIGHT OR TEN TIMES SINCE. BELIEVES SHE FIRST MET COPLON
THROUGH BEATRICE BRAUDE /PH/ A STATE DEPT EMPLOYEE NOW IN FRANCE.
BRAUDE IS SINGLE, LIVED IN APARTMENT ON MOZART PLACE WHILE IN WASH-
INGTON, BUT FAMILY RESIDES IN NYC. SLAVIN-S CONTACTS WITH COPLON
CONSISTED OF OCCASIONAL LUNCHEON AND DINNER ENGAGEMENTS, INCLUDING
ONE AT COPLON-S APARTMENT AND ONE PARTY AT SLAVIN-S APARTMENT. SLAVIN
LAST SAW COPLON DURING LUNCHEON DATE AT ALFONSO-S RESTAURANT, WASH-
INGTON, THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO. BELIEVES SHE MAY ALSO HAVE MET
COPLON AT ONE OR MORE PARTIES IN WASHINGTON SHORTLY AFTER INITIAL
MEETING, BUT CANNOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL ANY SUCH PARTIES. NO ONE
ELSE PRESENT DURING ANY MEETINGS WITH COPLON EXCEPT AT PARTY IN SLA-
VIN-S APARTMENT WHERE GUESTS WERE SLAVIN-S FRIENDS. SLAVIN DOES NOT
KNOW COPLON-S FAMILY OR ANY OF COPLON-S FRIENDS. BELIEVES ONLY MU-
TUAL FRIEND IS BEATRICE BRAUDE. SLAVIN STATES SHE HAS NEVER SEEN

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COPLON IN NYC. DESCRIBED ACQUAINTANCE WITH COPLON AS QUOTE GROWING FRIENDSHIP UNQUOTE BASED ON MUTUAL INTEREST IN MUSIC, LITERATURE, ETC. SLAVIN CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF COPLON-S POLITICAL VIEWS OR ACTIVITIES. STATED THAT LAST CONTACT WITH COPLON WAS TELEPHONE CALL FROM COPLON IN WASHINGTON EARLY LAST FEB. DURING THIS CALL COPLON MENTIONED THAT SHE WAS THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED. ALSO SUGGESTED POSSIBLE MEETING WITH SLAVIN IN NYC DURING WEEKEND OF FEB. EIGHTEENTH. MEETING WAS INDEFINITE BECAUSE COPLON HAD OTHER APPOINTMENTS AND SLAVIN WAS UNCERTAIN HOW LONG SHE /SLAVIN/ WOULD BE STAYING IN NY. COPLON GAVE SLAVIN HER BROOKLYN TELEPHONE NUMBER BUT SLAVIN LEFT NY ON FEB. EIGHTEENTH AND DID NOT USE IT. SLAVIN BORN MAY FIRST, NINETEEN EIGHTEEN, WASHINGTON, DC. HAS RESIDED WASHINGTON ALL HER LIFE. NOW RESIDES WITH FAMILY AT TWO ZERO TWO SEVEN PARK ROW. FATHER, PHILIP SLAVIN, EMPLOYED USPO. MOTHER, GOLDA MINKIN SLAVIN, IS DENTIST, UNEMPLOYED. BOTH PARENTS BORN IN RUSSIA, NATURALIZED WASHINGTON OR BALTIMORE APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN TWENTY. SLAVIN EMPLOYED AS INFORMATION SPECIALIST, OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY, WASHINGTON, DC, UNDER W. OLIVER KINCANNON, SINCE NINETEEN FORTYFIVE. PRESENTLY SPENDING MOST OF TIME IN NYC ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT DOING RADIO AND MAGAZINE PROMOTION. RESIDING

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CORNISH ARMS HOTEL, TWENTYTHIRD STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE, NYC.
SLAVIN HOLDS BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,
NINETEEN FORTY. FORMERLY EMPLOYED KITT MUSIC COMPANY, RESEARCH DIVI-
SION IN LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, RECORDING LABORATORY, LIBRARY OF CON-
GRESS, OFFICE OF EDUCATION, FSA, AND WAR MANPOWER COMMISSION, ALL
WASHINGTON, DC. DENIES PAST OR PRESENT MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANI-
ZATION EXCEPT NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC

DATE: March 7, 1949

FROM : COURTLAND J. JONES, SA

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - RIDENTIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS FOUND ON MISS JUDITH COPLON
ON MARCH 4, 1949.

It is observed that on March 5, 1949, the documents taken from JUDITH COPLON had been broken down into four groups.

Group No. 1 consists of 15 typewritten abstracts pertaining to Internal Security - R and Security Matter - C subjects. These were prepared on Royal typewriter bearing Serial Number KMM 2562236 located in Room 2220 and directly behind subject's desk. The identification was effected by the FBI Laboratory on March 5, 1949, according to teletype of this date from the Bureau. These abstracts, which are condensations of Bureau reports, are approximately 5 x 7 in size, were apparently typed by a proficient typist and were the original copy of the abstract. These documents bear the following numbers, which are the numbers the Agents gave them when they arrested COPLON:

- #1 - Re: SALOMON LIEBERMANN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of SA BRENT, Washington, D. C.
- #2 - Re: JACOB LEON GYER, aka Jack Gyer, SECURITY MATTER - C; report of SA ABBORR, Los Angeles, December 17, 1948
- #3 - Re: LEONA SARAN, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER - C; report of SA McQUEEN, Washington, D. C., November 25, 1948
- #4 - Re: DR. ARAM AIS AKOB HOVSEPIAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of SA WITTENBURG, January 31, 1949
- #5 - Re: PHILIP LEVY, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of SA BURKE, Newark, November 23, 1948
- #6 - Re: WILLIAM J. RAGIN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of SA MARGISON, Baltimore, November 16, 1948

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- #7 - Re: SOJAN KRSTIC, INTERNAL SECURITY - YU and R;
report of SA FITZGERALD, Chicago, October 8, 1948
- #8 - Re: CLARA JURAVCOFF, with aliases, SECURITY MATTER - R;
report of SA RAUDSEP, San Francisco, November 19, 1948
- #9 - Re: PAUL JURAVCOFF, SECURITY MATTER - R; report of
SA RAUDSEP, San Francisco, November 19, 1948
- #10 - Re: HAROLD BEERMAN, SECURITY MATTER - C; report of
SA NEWELL, Newark, November 19, 1948
- #11 - Re: FREDERIC MARCH, SECURITY MATTER - C; report of
SA FRINK, New York, January 14, 1949
- #12 - Re: DOROTHY LOWENGRUDN BLOCK, with aliases, INTERNAL
SECURITY - R; report of SA NUMMY, New York, January 28, 1949

Re: DOROTHY LOWENGRUDN BLOCK, with aliases, INTERNAL
SECURITY - R; report of SA MURPHY, New York, June 9, 1947
- #13 - Re: URSULA WASSERMAN, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of
SA O'BRIEN, New York, November 12, 1938
- #14 - Re: JOHN LOOMIS SHERMAN, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R;
report of SA WINTER, New Haven, January 24, 1949
- #34 - Re: MARIO JOSEPH PEZZOLA, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of
SA TODD, San Francisco, January 21, 1949

Group No. 2 consists of a number of abstracts and several full pages of typewritten material which were identified by the FBI Laboratory according to Bureau teletype of March 5 as having been written on a portable Corona type-writer personally owned by subject.

- #15 - Re: ARTKINO, INTERNAL SECURITY - R; report of SA COHOLAN,
New York, December 20, 1948
- #16 - Re: ELI POTASH, with aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R;
report of SA RONKSLEY, Los Angeles, December 16, 1948

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- #17 - Re: DR. ROBERT LINCOLN LESLIE, INTERNAL SECURITY - R;
report of SA WIRTH, New York, November 26, 1948
- #18 - Re: LIDIA PAVIL DE PAVIGLI (TACCONI), INTERNAL SECURITY - R;
report of SA NUMMY, New York, December 9, 1948
- #19 - Re: MICHAEL WALDEN and CLARA WALDEN; report of SA BROWN,
Los Angeles, January 13, 1949
- #20 - Re: BORIS ATANASSOFF, EVANOFF GOUGOFF, with aliases,
INTERNAL SECURITY - R (Bulgarian); report of SA RONKSLEY,
Los Angeles, December 3, 1948
- #21 - Re: GEORGE DIMITROV SOTIROV, INTERNAL SECURITY - R -
BULGARIAN; report of SA ZANGLE, New York, November 22, 1948
- #22 - Re: SAMUEL GORDON, ESPIONAGE - R; report of SA SPILLANCE,
New York, December 31, 1948
- #23 - Re: EUGENIO CHAVEZ, with aliases, E. Orta, Eugenio Orta,
ESPIONAGE - R, SECURITY MATTER - C; report of SA JOHNS,
El Paso, November 18, 1948
- #24 - Re: IRINA (IRAIDA) EFIMOVNA ALEKSANDER, with aliases;
BOZHIDAR KOSSIMIR ALEKSANDER, with aliases; INTERNAL
SECURITY - R, Refer 5 IS; reports of SA MURPHY, New York,
May 29, 1946; September 5, 1946; May 12, 1947; October 7,
February 11, 1948; report of SA LETCHER, Washington, D. C.,
April 1, 1948.

Group No. 3 relates to abstracts typed on Royal typewriter
KMM 2585483, located in Room 2216 (typewriter of Stenographer ETTA
TAYLOR).

- #25 - Re: NAPOLI - cc Communist Party, Secretary of Peru,
Artkino; report of SA ROBERT W. COHOLAN dated December 20,
1948, at New York, file #149-299, P. 4.
- #26 - Re: NOVAYA ZARYA - cc JACOB LOMAKIN EFREMOV, Russian
Counselor General in San Francisco, SOOHOFF; report of
SA WESLEY G. GRAPP, San Francisco, December 15, 1948

Memo, SAC
RE: JUDITH COPLON
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- #27 - NOVAYA ZARYA - cc VICTOR APANASIEV, OLGA NIKOLAEVNA ARTEMOFF, Russian Consulate of San Francisco; report of SA WESLEY G. GRAPP at San Francisco, December 15, 1948.
- #28 - Re: NOVAYA ZARYA - cc SOOHOFF; report of SA WESLEY G. GRAPP, San Francisco, December 15, 1948
- #29 - Re: NOVAYA ZARYA - cc Russian Life, Russian Consulate, N. YAZYKOV, PETER DRESDOFF; report of SA WESLEY G. GRAPP, San Francisco, December 15, 1948
- #30 - Re: GENERAL NICOLAE RADESAN - cc NICOLAE MALAXA, M. NICHOLAS CARANFIL, M. BARBU NICULESEU; see Bureau report dated May 15, 1948, re NICOLAE MALAXA, wa, file #146-1-51-1348
- #31 - Re: CZECHOSLOVAKIAN METAL & ENGINEERING INDUSTRY - cc Kramar Industrial Operations, Inc., ANTHONY FRIED, KAREL KALINA, Overseas Mercantile, Inc., Omnipol, Ltd. in Prague; report of SA RUDOLPH V. GLENIAC, New York, February 17, 1948
- #32 - KRAMAR - cc Fabinger; report of SA RUDOLPH V. GLENIAC, New York, February 17, 1948
- #33 - Re: NICHOLAS GEORGE NICHOLAS, wa - cc Yugoslav Embassy; report of SA EDWARD DORNLAS, JR., dated October 12, 1948, at San Francisco

Group No. 2

- #35 - Document bearing date March 3, 1949, beginning, "I have not been able (and don't think I will) to get the top secret FBI report which I described to MICHAEL on Soviet Communist Intelligence Activities in the U.S."
- #36 - Document bearing the date March 3, 1949, entitled "ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON" beginning, "I first met 'STEVE,' as he is known, in the summer of 1946 when we both attended a class in 'international organization' at the Graduate School of American University in Washington."

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#37 - A continuation of the biography of ALFRED BOYNTON STEVENSON beginning, "As for STEVE's personality . . ."

Also on #37 is a biography of LORRAINE ELKIN SINDERBRAND.

#38 - A continuation of the biography of LORRAINE ELKIN SINDERBRAND and also a biography of ALVIN SINDERBRAND.

Group No. 4

#39 - Handwritten document composed of two pages beginning, "Bureau using two highly placed Amtorg officials as informants. One is NEEDLEMAN with whom Bureau maintains a rare indirect contact through an intermediary." Bureau has not been entirely satisfied with this arrangement or extent of information supplied by NEEDLEMAN. . . ."

In addition, there are photostatic copies of the envelope in which COPLON had some of this material and a photostatic copy of a stocking envelope. The latter are being placed in a Miscellaneous Group.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

FROM : KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, Supervisor

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: March 8, 1949

At 5:45 P. M. this date, Mr. LAUGHLIN of the Bureau stated that Mr. RAY WHEARTY of the Department, advised him that he has been reviewing the report submitted in this case by the WFO and wants a number of agents from this office in NYC for Grand Jury purposes at [redacted]

Mr. LAUGHLIN stated that Mr. WHEARTY wants the agent most familiar with that portion of the report covered in pages 5 through 9. I furnished him the name of SA [redacted]

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He stated he wanted the agent who can best testify to the legal search conducted of COPLON's apartment and I furnished him the name of SA [redacted]

He wanted the name of the agent most familiar with the entire case and I furnished him the name of SA [redacted]

Mr. LAUGHLIN instructed me that unless he advised otherwise, these three agents and no others, should be available at New York at [redacted]. He asked me for an opinion as to what other agents might be desirable for testimony purposes and I told him that since I had not been advised as to the details of the complaint or what the Special Assistant to the Attorney General intends to introduce to the Grand Jury, that I did not feel I was in a position to offer an opinion.

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I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that in connection with the individual who is best familiar with pages 5 through 9, that probably the proper person to testify would be [redacted] or the Department.

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ROUTE TO [redacted]

I told Mr. LAUGHLIN that I had just received a call from Mr. GRANVILLE in New York who had stated he had been in touch with Mr. DONEGAN who wanted to know the identity of the WFO agents who should testify. I told him I had asked GRANVILLE what DONEGAN intended to show and offered to furnish GRANVILLE the names of all agents in the WFO who could testify to anything in the COPLON case or to furnish the agent who was most familiar with all developments, whichever was desired. GRANVILLE stated that DONEGAN did not go into detail on this and advised DONEGAN was then in conference with BELMONT on the same matter and that he would re-contact DONEGAN and try to find out what it was he wanted.

I pointed out to Mr. LAUGHLIN that it appears WHEARTY and DONEGAN are working independently of each other and that WHEARTY has a copy of the WFO report on the COPLON case and DONEGAN apparently does not have.

At about 6:00 P. M., Mr. GRANVILLE advised the writer he had discussed this matter with DONEGAN who had indicated to him he had decided to use only NYC agents on [redacted] to await the WFO report and to plan on using WFO agents on [redacted]. I then advised GRANVILLE as to the LAUGHLIN negotiations. He advised that DONEGAN was then on his way home, that he would call DONEGAN and tell him concerning WHEARTY's instructions that the three WFO agents be in NYC [redacted]. I advised GRANVILLE that as it now stood, I have Bureau instructions to have the three agents in NYC at [redacted] and that I intended doing this.

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At 6:20 P. M., I contacted the Bureau and was advised that Mr. LAUGHLIN had gone home. I then reviewed the entire situation with Supervisor MILNES, pointing out to him the contrary arrangements being made by DONEGAN and WHEARTY and also pointing out to him that I had not received any countermand of the Bureau instructions to have these three agents in NYC on [redacted].

I subsequently saw Supervisor BAUMGARDNER in the Bureau who stated the handling of this matter had been left for him by LAUGHLIN and that MILNES had furnished him the details which I had given. BAUMGARDNER stated he had discussed this matter with Mr. LADD, who had decided the Department is handling this matter and since WHEARTY had indicated he wanted the agents that they should go. Agent MILNES advised me he would call GRANVILLE in New York and so advise him.

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TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 8, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
ESPIONAGE - R.

At 11:10 AM on March 7, 1949, [redacted]

[redacted] personally contacted Inspector Lee R. Pennington, indicating that he had information of interest concerning an associate of Judith Coplon. Inspector Pennington referred [redacted] to Special Agent E. M. Gregg.

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[redacted] stated that he is [redacted] and that since April of 1948 he had been employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] described Miss Barber as single, about 27 years of age, residing at 5916 Wilson Lane, Bradley Hills, Bethesda, Maryland (telephone: Wisconsin 3914). He said that she had previously worked for the Nation War Labor Board, upon its dissolution transferring to the Bureau of Apprenticeship. According to [redacted] Miss Barber is extremely reliable.

The informant advised that Miss Joy Gail Raywid [redacted] was a native of New York City, and that he understood that her parents had been born and raised in Russia. He said that she was single, about 27 years of age, and resides at 30 Plattsburg Court, N.W., McLean Gardens, Washington, D. C. (telephone: Woodley 7400, extension 9826). He also said that he understood that Raywid was a graduate of Barnard College and that prior to her employment with the Bureau of Apprenticeship she had also worked for the War Labor Board. He described her as "most peculiar" and decidedly unattractive, stating that within the last three weeks she had received treatment at the George Washington University Hospital for some unidentified affliction.

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[redacted] advised that Raywid worked directly under Dr. Oswald Lionel Harvey (contact with whom he considered inadvisable) and that her duties were of an economic nature not entailing access to classified material. He said that she was formerly active in the Union (United Public Workers of America - CIO) but knew of no other organizational activity or affiliation. He said that she made frequent visits to New York and Boston and made a great number of seemingly personal telephone calls over her office extension.

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[] related that on Saturday, March 5, 1949, following the arrest of Judith Coplon, Miss Barber []

Coplon had called [] Miss Raywid, asking that the latter be requested to call her at the Justice Building. [] stated that Miss Barber had worked with Miss Raywid for several years, first at the War Labor Board and subsequently at the Bureau of Apprenticeship and, therefore, knew her quite well. He said that Miss Barber had informed him that while with the War Labor Board Miss Raywid had had difficulty in that she was accused of slanting her reports and analyses in favor of the CIO. According to [] Miss Barber had also indicated to him that while with the War Labor Board Miss Raywid had been in contact with Elizabeth Bentley. b7D

[] advised that during the last month he had [] Miss Coplon during Miss Raywid's absence, on which occasions Coplon had requested that a message be left for Raywid asking her to call Miss Coplon of the Justice Department. [] also stated that [] Miss Raywid and found that it contained the following listing: "Judy Coplon, 197-163 WO-5219."

It is noted that No. 197 is the code listing for the Department of Justice and that 163 is Coplon's office extension. [] said that at 10:00 AM on March 7, 1949 [] Miss Raywid advising an unidentified party that she would meet that person at their office at noon. [] said that he knew that Miss Raywid was on extremely friendly terms with the housekeeper at her place of residence. b7D

The informant requested that his identity be kept entirely confidential and that under no circumstances should [] [] However, he said that he was of the definite opinion that Miss Barber would welcome an opportunity to talk with Bureau personnel.

Following the termination of the above-mentioned interview, [] telephonically advised that [] he had learned that Miss Barber had informed her superiors concerning her suspicion of Miss Raywid and that her superiors had directed her to advise Raywid herself of the nature of her statements.

It is suggested that Miss Barber be personally contacted at her residence address and interviewed concerning any information she might have

Done by Steve Smith

which would be of interest to this investigation or might reflect upon the loyalty and reliability of Miss Joy Gail Raywid. In this connection, your attention is directed to the fact that a summary of available information concerning Joy Gail Raywid, whose address and telephone number were listed in Judith Coplon's address book, was made available to you in Bureau memorandum dated March 2, 1949.

REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON D. C. March 8, 1949

To: SAC, Washington Field

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on March 7, 1949. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype to Washington and New York Field Offices dated March 7, 1949.

Re: JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

*Handled in
New York Report
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J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
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YOUR FILE NO. 65-1528
FBI FILE NO. 65-58365
LAB. NO. D-95610 ET

Examination requested by: Washington Field

Reference: Letter dated March 7, 1949

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- K15 One box of Write carbon paper, 8" x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", manufactured by Write, Inc., Bridgeport, Connecticut, containing black lightweight carbon paper.
- K16 Two sheets of white mottled-finish paper, approximately 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ".
- K17 Four sheets of thin white paper, approximately 8" x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
- K18 Two pieces of white bond paper torn on one edge, approximately 8" x 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- K19 One 3" x 5" bound pad of white paper containing 13 pages.

Results of Examination:

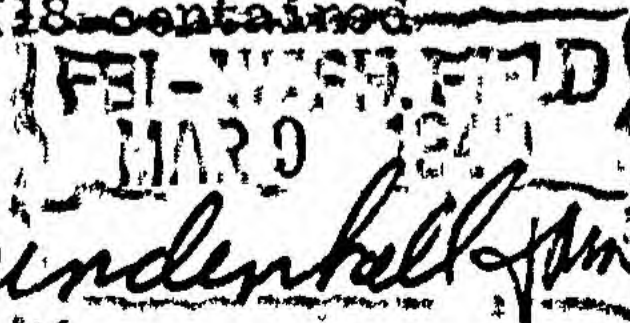
It has been concluded that the paper specimens, Q36, Q37 and Q38 and the paper taken from the subject's room, described above as K17, came from the same original source. This conclusion is based on evidence found that all of these sheets of paper were cut with the same knife. In addition all of the sheets of paper were found to have the same physical properties with respect to size, thickness, color, finish, transparency and fluorescence.

The other paper specimens submitted, K16, K18 and K19, were not similar to any of the other questioned paper previously submitted, Q1 through Q43. It is noted that one sheet of K18 contained a portion of a Government watermark.

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Assigned to Mendenhall Continued on next page



None of the carbon paper, K15 had been used. Because of the common type of carbon paper used to prepare specimens Q25 through Q33, which are the only questioned carbon copies thus far submitted, it was not possible to determine whether the carbon paper used to prepare Q25 through Q33 was of the same type as K15..

Specimens Q1 through Q43 are described in the Laboratory report dated March 7, 1949 and were submitted by the New York Office with a letter dated March 4, 1949.

Specimens K15 through K19 will be returned to the Washington Field Office as soon as appropriate photographs of K17 have been made. No photographs of the other specimens will be retained in the Laboratory.

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SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON
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Provided full security is assured, these installations should be made as soon as possible and the Bureau advised of the time and date of installation, as well as the symbol numbers.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field Office

DATE: March 9, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS;
ESPIONAGE - R

In connection with the various interviews being conducted by your office, the Bureau's files have been reviewed regarding Ulda Eldred. This reveiw reflects the following information:

On September 15, 1947 the Justice Department submitted a Loyalty Form on Ulda Lillian Johnson Eldred, who was born March 21, 1912 at Altoona, Kansas and who was employed by the Department of Justice as a Secretary. On this Loyalty Form she listed her husband's name as being George Donald Eldred who was born February 22, 1907 at Altoona, Pennsylvania. This form reflects that Mrs. Eldred had been employed by the Department of Justice since 1937 and had resided since 1937 at 1620 E Street, N.E., Washington, D. C. This form was returned to the Department of Justice with a notation that no disloyalty data were found in the Bureau's files.

According to CI C-544, on December 19, 1947, Ruth Rifkin, Martin Popper's Secretary, spoke to Miss Copeland (Judith Coplon) at Extension 1134 in the Justice Department, who said "they saw the film which are four reels" and she asked Rifkin to inform the New York party not to send any more film; that the film was sent by bonded messenger, but the Government "doesn't have that facility to return them and they will return the film by Railway express." She stated that she didn't know the value for the insurance. Ruth Rifkin suggested she hold the film because Martin Popper would be back in town and she would ask him about the value. Copeland (Coplon) suggested Ruth Rifkin call Mrs. Eldred on Extension 1188 concerning this.

It is to be noted that Ruth Rifkin resided at McLean Gardens, which is the same apartment development where Coplon lives. The above call would also appear to be in connection with the regular duties of Judith Coplon and Ulda Eldred.

The same informant also reflected an earlier call from Miss Copeland (Judith Coplon) on December 19, 1947 to Elaine West for Martin Popper. West suggested Popper's secretary call her. Copeland said to have Ruth Rifkin call her at the Department of Justice, Extension 1134.

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GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

March 10, 1949

ROBERT W. McCASLIN, Acting Supervisor

JOSEPHINE KLIEN
ESPIONAGE - R

Mr. FLETCHER of the Bureau telephonically advised this date that Mr. WILLIAM E. FOLEY of the Department, at 6:30 PM, March 9, 1949, advised that DOROTHY FILLIUS, who is the secretary for WERHEIDE, had furnished information relating to JOSEPHINE KLIEN, a former employee of the Department, now with the Army in Japan. FILLIUS at one time handled the "Paper Clip" program, which relates to German scientists in the United States. This program was handled as a confidential matter in the Department and FILLIUS had been given instructions to keep the material confidential. FILLIUS had reported that JOSEPHINE KLIEN on several occasions had come in and tried to read material dealing with the "Paper Clip" program, and it was necessary to be very pointed with her to get her out and to leave the material alone. KLIEN is described as an associate of JUDITH COPLON.

Mr. FLETCHER instructed that Miss FILLIUS should be interviewed, and on the basis of the known information concerning KLIEN, appropriate investigation should be instituted. The IDA should also be appropriately advised of the allegations concerning KLIEN.

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JUDITH COPLON, VALENTINE ALEKSEEVICH GUBITCHEV, WAS, ESP R. FROM
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AT FEDERAL RESERVE BANK, NYC, IT WAS ASCERTAINED
THAT THE TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL, SERIAL B DASH ONE THREE NINE TWO EIGHT
EIGHT SEVEN SIX B, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING ONE
HUNDRED AND TWENTYFIVE DOLLARS ON THE PERSON OF GUBITCHEV WHEN HE WAS
ARRESTED ON THREE FOUR FORTYNINE, WAS INCLUDED IN A SHIPMENT OF NEW
CURRENCY SENT TO JAKOB LOMAKIN, USSR, CONSUL GENERAL, NYC, ON JULY
THIRTY FORTYSIX UNDER DIRECTION OF THE STATE BANK OF THE USSR. THIS
SHIPMENT OF CURRENCY WAS FOR TEN THOUSAND TWENTY-DOLLAR BILLS.
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE USED
WITHOUT CONSULTING HIM SO THAT HE MAY TAKE IT UP WITH HIS LEGAL
DEPARTMENT. A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF THE TWENTY-DOLLAR BILL, NOW
IN POSSESSION OF THE NYO, SHOWS THAT THE BILL HAS HAD LITTLE OR NO
HANDLING, IS IN A NEW CRISP CONDITION, AND CERTAINLY DOES NOT GIVE
THE APPEARANCE OF HAVING BEEN IN CIRCULATION FOR TWO AND ONE HALF
YEARS. THIS IS BEING REPORTED TO THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK FOR INFORMATION
PURPOSES.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 12, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, was
ESPIONAGE - R

You should immediately reinterview Harold Shapiro and obtain from him a signed statement incorporating in detail his intimate relationship with Judith Coplon, including his trip with her to Baltimore and Philadelphia, where they registered as man and wife.

The signed statement is to be transmitted to the Department of Justice and you should include in your memorandum which incorporates this statement a short summary of the results of the investigation, reflecting the relationship between Coplon and Shapiro.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	
ROUTED TO	Wendell E. L. Egan

DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1949

SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

JUDITH COPLON
ESPIONAGE - R

Rebulet March 12, 1949.

Surveillances of JUDITH COPLON by agents of the Washington Field Office from about January 7, 1949, to March 4, 1949, revealed that she spent a great deal of her time with HAROLD P. SHAPIRO. The majority of her evenings were spent in his company, they often lunched together, were together over weekends, she frequently visiting in his apartment at 1906 R Street, NW.

On January 8, 1949, physical surveillance revealed that SHAPIRO and COPLON drove in SHAPIRO's 1946, black Plymouth sedan, Connecticut license BP280, to Baltimore, Maryland, where SHAPIRO registered with the subject as Mr. and Mrs. H. P. SHAPIRO, 122 Burnside Avenue, East Hartford, Connecticut. They were registered by Room Clerk C. M. CONNERS, account No. 3442, registration card G-4164, and were assigned to Room 412. Investigation by the Baltimore Division revealed that the individuals who were registered as Mr. and Mrs. H. P. SHAPIRO checked out of the Southern Hotel at 3:01 p.m. on January 8, 1949.

By teletype dated January 13, 1949, the Philadelphia Office advised that Mr. JOSEPH KELLEHER, assistant manager, Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, produced records reflecting that Mr. and Mrs. H. P. SHAPIRO of East Hartford, Connecticut, registered at the Bellevue-Stratford at 7:07 p.m. on January 8, 1949, and checked out at 4:09 p.m. on January 9, 1949. They occupied Room 1523.

Confidential Informant [] who is known to the Bureau, advised that the subject had returned to Washington, D.C., later in the day of January 9, 1949. b7D

Surveillance of the subject on January 19, 1949, revealed that she and SHAPIRO took the 1:00 p.m. Pennsylvania train from Washington to New York City, arriving at 4:50 p.m. Surveillance continued by agents of the New York Division revealed that SHAPIRO registered for a single room at the Piccadilly Hotel at about 6:20 p.m. and the subject accompanied him to his room. Approximately 40 minutes later both left the hotel and after having dinner attended the Century Theatre, after which SHAPIRO accompanied the subject on the subway to her home at 178 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject again met SHAPIRO on the evening of January 23, 1949, at Pennsylvania Station, New York City. Both boarded the 7:30 p.m. train for Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

March 14, 1949

RE: JUDITH COPLON, ESP - R

On February 4, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 11:30 p.m. the subject and SHAPIRO left the Playhouse Theatre and drove to his residence at 1906 R Street, NW. This surveillance was discontinued at midnight, subject not having left. Surveillance was reinstated at 1906 R Street, NW, the following morning, February 5, 1949, at 8:00 a.m. At 1:00 p.m. the subject and SHAPIRO were observed leaving this address.

On February 11, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 8:45 p.m. the subject and SHAPIRO left Alfonso's Restaurant and drove to 1906 R Street, NW. This surveillance was discontinued at 11:40 p.m., the subject not having been observed to leave this address. On February 12, 1949, surveillance was maintained, beginning at 8:00 a.m., alternately between subject's residence at Jefferson Hall, McLean Gardens, 3685 38th Street, NW, and SHAPIRO's residence at 1906 R Street, NW. The subject's blind remained drawn in her room the entire day and she was first observed at 6:03 p.m. when she and SHAPIRO drove up in the vicinity of her residence. At 8:58 p.m. on this date subject and a girl friend, JOY GAIL RAYWID, took a cab from McLean Gardens to SHAPIRO's apartment where they attended a party given by him. At 1:40 a.m. on February 13, 1949, SHAPIRO drove COPLON and RAYWID to McLean Gardens and RAYWID went into her residence there. COPLON also entered her residence, remained five minutes and then returned with SHAPIRO to 1906 R Street, NW, where both entered. This surveillance was discontinued at 2:15 a.m. on the 13th. At 8:00 a.m. on the 13th this surveillance was again undertaken at 1906 R Street and at 10:40 a.m. COPLON and SHAPIRO were observed coming from his apartment house.

On February 17, 1949, surveillance revealed that at 10:30 p.m. SHAPIRO picked up the subject at her residence and drove to 1906 R Street, NW. On this occasion she had a suitcase with her. This surveillance was discontinued at 2:30 a.m. on February 18, 1949, at which time the subject had not left. Surveillance was again taken up at 8:00 a.m. on this date and at 8:50 a.m. COPLON and SHAPIRO left 1906 R Street and drove to the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 10th Street, NW, where the subject alighted from his car and walked to the 10th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue entrance of the Justice Building. SHAPIRO continued driving around the building and into the basement, entering at the 10th Street court entrance.

During the interview of HAROLD SHAPIRO conducted by Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and ROBERT L. SMELTZER on March 5, 1949, SHAPIRO admitted under questioning that he had indulged in immoral relations with JUDITH COPLON at his apartment at various times, as well as in the Southern Hotel, Baltimore, and Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, on the occasion of their trip to these cities on the nights of January 7 and 8, 1949. He declined at this time, however, to furnish a signed statement incorporating these facts. In a subsequent interview with SHAPIRO conducted March 14, 1949, he again admitted to these agents intimacy with COPLON in Baltimore and Philadelphia and at his apartment in Washington. Before the completion of the statement, SHAPIRO said that he preferred

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not to furnish or sign any further admission concerning his intimacies with JUDITH COPLON. He was advised that such a statement was requested of him by the interviewing agents in their official capacities in connection with an official investigation. It is felt that this point was emphatically stressed to SHAPIRO although he was also told that he was not under compulsion to make such a statement. The partially completed statement, which was reduced to writing during the course of the latter interview with SHAPIRO, is being set forth immediately below:


Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.
March 14, 1949

"I, HAROLD PAUL SHAPIRO, make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents H. DUDLEY PAYNE and ROBERT L. SMELTZER who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation after having been told that I do not have to make any such statement and that this statement may be used against me in a court of law. On New Years Eve, December 31, 1948, I first had intercourse with JUDITH COPLON in the apartment of a friend of mine in Washington, D.C. I decline to name this friend as he does not know JUDITH and has never met her so far as I know as he was out of the city on this particular occasion. Shortly thereafter, in the early part of January, JUDITH and I drove to Baltimore, Maryland in my car after work one Friday. I don't recall definitely who suggested this trip but presume it was I. In Baltimore we stayed at the Southern Hotel, where I registered for JUDITH and myself as Mr. and Mrs. H. P. SHAPIRO of East Hartford, Connecticut. We spent the night together in the hotel room.

"SHAPIRO at this point declined further comment concerning the trip above mentioned or to further furnish a statement concerning any immoral relations with JUDITH COPLON. The written portion of the statement obtained up to this point was handed to SHAPIRO to read and he affirmed that it was true in substance and accurately reflected what he had said. SHAPIRO stated that he was willing to cooperate in every respect with the FBI in respect to the case of JUDITH COPLON but that he felt that in further discussing or furnishing a signed statement concerning his immoral relations with her, he was 'sticking his neck out' and actually not giving assistance of value to the espionage investigation.

"Witness:

s/ H. DUDLEY PAYNE, Special Agent, F.B.I. W.F.O.
s/ ROBERT L. SMELTZER, Special Agent FBI. WFO."



Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 11, 1949

JH FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the Bureau's memorandum to you on March 8, 1949, in connection with certain information which had been confidentially furnished to the Bureau by [redacted]

[redacted] upon a recontact with a Bureau official, that Gail Joy Raywid who has been closely connected with Coplon has been receiving numerous telephone calls and that she only says a few words, then gets some nickels and goes out to a pay station to make a call.

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[redacted] further advised that Miss Mildred S. Barber, who is identified in the referenced memorandum, had informed him that Raywid's boy friend is named George Speigel. Speigel originally graduated from Amherst, then entered Harvard Law School, and according to Miss Barber, was the organizer of a law guild which she believed to be subversive.

This information is being called to your attention in connection with the previous request that you interview Miss Barber.

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MAR 14 1949
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Washington Field

DATE: March 11, 1949

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JUDITH COPLON, WAS
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An individual identifying herself as Miss Jean Branch, 20 Chesapeake Street, Southeast, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised on March 7, 1949, that "This Coplon case has intrigued me." She stated that at the present time there are a number of employees located in the "office proper - the white collar workers" of the Picker X-ray Corporation located, she believed, on Fourth Avenue, in New York City, with whom she has reason to believe Judith Coplon has been associated. She pointed out that in her opinion the Picker X-ray Corporation itself, which does a great deal of Government work, is a reputable concern but had "too many avid CC NY students who lean much too far to the left" working in its front office. She believed this Corporation to be a "formidable Semitic outfit".

Miss Branch did not know of anyone in particular with whom Coplon was allegedly associated but stated that she had reason to know Coplon was connected with various employees in the office proper of this concern.

The Washington Field Office should interview Miss Branch to determine if she has any information in her possession on which further investigation might be predicated.

cc - SAC, New York

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March 8, 1949

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Director, FBI

RE: JUDITH COPLON
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are ten copies (Washington Field-6) of the report of SA T. Scott Miller, Jr., dated March 8, 1949, New York.

It will be noted that both COPLON and GUBITCHEV are made subjects of this report as this report was prepared at the specific request of Raymond J. Whearty, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to enable him to properly present the case to the grand jury on March 9, 1949.

The New York Office is putting half of the copies of this report in the GUBITCHEV file and half in the COPLON file. The Bureau and Washington Field may do likewise.

It will be noted that this report contains only information which would be of value to Mr. Whearty in presenting the case to the grand jury. Subsequently, an investigative report will be set out, setting forth information concerning technical information and collateral investigation, in an attempt to identify individuals who might possibly be operating in Soviet intelligence.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT, SAC

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